

## CANTERBURY.

Some improvements have been made in the Departmental Buildings, Christchurch. Some minor works have been carried out, and fittings and furnishing at various Courthouses in the district, and minor renovation improvements have been made and fittings provided at the gaols at Lyttelton and Timaru.

*Police-stations.*—The buildings at Kaikoura have been repaired and painted. At Amberley some small additions have been made. Alterations and additions to station at Culverden have been completed. Lock-ups have been built at Rangiora, Kaiapoi, and New Brighton, and one is being built at Belfast and one at St. Andrew's. At Christchurch the watch-house has been renovated, improvements made, and fittings supplied. The office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures has been renovated. Some of the buildings at Sumner have been repainted. The new station at Akaroa was completed this year. The sergeant's house at Ashburton has been renovated and some small additions and improvements made. The additions, alterations, &c., in progress at Temuka Police-station last year have been completed, and some further works done. At Timaru the sergeant's quarters have been renovated and painted. A building has been erected for kitchen and dining-room, &c.; the quarters for Inspector of Weights and Measures have been renovated, and some improvements in lavatory services have been made. At Pleasant Point Station some additional accommodation has been provided, and the exterior of the building repaired and repainted. At Waimate some fencing has been done and tanks fixed.

*Post-offices.*—Some small additions have been made to the Waiau Post-office, and small repairs at Rangiora. The new brick post-office at Kaiapoi has been finished; some small alterations in the bell-tower were made. Some fencing and repairs have been done to the Papanui office. The old St. Albans Borough Council offices have been purchased and converted into a post-office; considerable alterations were required. Some renovations have been made in the post-office, Christchurch. A contract has been let for considerable additions to this building. An old bank building in Hereford Street has been converted into a temporary money-order office, &c. Some repairs, &c., have been done to the branch office in Lichfield Street, and small improvements at New Brighton Post-office. At Akaroa additional accommodation has been provided and extensive alterations have been made, also some improvements in various services, &c. The works in progress at Timaru last year have been finished, and the exterior of the building has been painted and some other works done.

At Sunnyside Hospital for Mental Diseases the contract for additions to auxiliary building, providing large dining-room, kitchen, and scullery, was completed in October last; some fire-prevention appliances have been supplied. Extensive alterations, repairs, &c., have been done throughout the buildings. A contract for the supply of some cooking apparatus has been finished. A contract for the erection of three large iron water-tanks in the towers is in progress; alterations have been made in the towers to receive these new tanks. Extensive repairs have been required in the old slate roofs on the male division; some improvements have been made in the laundry and boiler-house. The Medical Superintendent's house has been renovated and repainted.

*Education Department.*—The Receiving Home in Hereford Street was destroyed by fire. Some works have been carried out at this site, also temporary premises have been fitted up in Fitzgerald Avenue. An additional ram has been fixed at Te Oranga Home for pumping water. At Sumner Deaf-mute Institute some rooms have been painted and some fittings and furnishings provided. A contract has been let for a room for electric plant. At Burnham Industrial School some fire-hose and fire-extinguishers have been provided, and some sewerage carrier-pipes, &c., laid. At the Hanmer Spa a cold swimming-bath, new laundry, additions to dining-rooms, and verandah, septic tank, also repairs and painting have been done by contract; a boiler-house has been built, drains laid, hot-water service, and other fittings supplied. At Pukaki Hotel, for tourists, extensive additions have been made.

## OTAGO.

*Post-offices.*—Some minor works were done at Alexandra Post-office, also at Oamaru and Invercargill. A room for the Labour Bureau has been provided in Oamaru Post-office. Alterations have been made in the mail-room, Dunedin, and fittings supplied. A new post-office has been built at Waikaka and fittings, &c., provided. Renovations and repairs have been done at Lawrence and Kaitangata. Additions have been made to the Pembroke Post-office. A contract for the erection of an office and residence in brick is in progress at Winton. A contract has been let for additions to the Arrowtown Post-office. A contract for the erection of a post-office at Half-moon Bay, Stewart Island, has been let; some additions have been made to the Palmerston South Post-office.

*Police-stations.*—Small additions and improvements have been made at the North and South Dunedin stations. At Invercargill a stable has been built, and some improvements made in the sergeant's residence. The Central Station at Dunedin has been renovated. The station at Milton has been renovated and painted.

*Courthouses.*—The Courthouse at Lawrence has been renovated. A new Courthouse is being built at the Bluff. At the Dunedin Law Courts a room has been fitted up for the Arbitration Court. The woodwork in the building has been oiled; a fire-proof door has been fixed up and some fire-escape ladders.

Some minor repair and other works have been done at the gaol buildings at Invercargill, Oamaru, and Lawrence. Some repairs have been done to the Dunedin Customhouse, and the outside has been painted. Repairs have been done at the industrial school, Caversham. A contract for repairs to the stairs, Dunedin Government Insurance Buildings, has been completed, also some other works have been done. Some works to improve the foundations to the Seacliff Asylum have been finished. A contract has been let for additions to the Glade House, Te Anau Lake. A con-