

in a direct course to the sea. It would, however, be more satisfactory if a further extension of a few hundred feet could be made.

Irvine and Stevenson's whitebait factory: The question as to whether this factory had been erected upon Marine Department's land was inquired into and reported upon.

Godley Head Lighthouse.—Some repairs have been carried out to the track leading to the fog-signal, and some repairs have also been carried out to the signal apparatus.

Akaroa.—Some inaccuracies in the coast-line of Banks Peninsula as delineated on the Admiralty Chart have been investigated, and details supplied enabling the matter to be rectified.

Moeraki.—The beaches along this part of the coast have been examined, and a report prepared as to the advisability of allowing the removal of shingle.

Taiaroa Head Lighthouse.—Some repairs have been effected to the assistant keeper's house.

Brighton.—The boat-harbour at this place has been inspected, and a report prepared in connection with certain improvements being carried out under Government subsidy by a private individual.

Waihola Lake.—The silting-up of the channel connecting the lake with the Taieri River causing considerable inconvenience in connection with navigation, a report has been prepared and recommendations made of the best method of maintaining the required depth.

Nuggets Boat-landing.—Through the small groyne built by the Department for the purpose of causing sand to collect at the landing, and also through the handling of the fishing-boats having been so much facilitated by the oil-engine winch provided by the Department, the fishing-boats have increased both in number and size; consequently the small winch provided is not now sufficiently powerful. The Government has therefore consented to provide a larger one, which work is now in hand.

Westport.—This harbour has been inspected, and a report on same is in course of preparation.

Greymouth.—A personal inspection was made by the Secretary and Engineer of the Marine Department, and a report prepared advising the Minister to permit the Harbour Board to extend the river wharf down-stream right to the entrance of the lagoon.

Okarito.—A small work affording protection to the wharf where damage was occurring through scour by the river has been completed.

Buoys.—A contract was let to Messrs. Niven and Co., of Napier, for the manufacture of a pillar buoy to mark the position of the Barclay Rock. The buoy is now completed, and awaiting shipment by the "Hinemoa." A contract has been let to Messrs. Stevenson and Cook, of Port Chalmers, for the manufacture of four mark-buoys, which work is still in hand.

Plans of the following works have been examined and dealt with as indicated:—

Wharves.—Northern Wairoa: Kirikopuni—approved; Dargaville—extension approved; Te Kopuru—Messrs. Rope Bros.' wharf approved; Tangaihi—plans approved; Oruawharu River—plans of wharf for Mr. G. J. Smith approved. Leigh: Approved. Auckland: Graham's Beach—extension approved; Chelsea—extension approved. Coromandel: Tukituki Bay—Messrs. Rich and Jeffries' wharf approved. Collingwood: Repairs to Messrs. Burford's wharf approved. Elmslie's Bay: Extension approved. Golden Bay: The Cement Company's wharf was shown on the chart for the information of the Admiralty. Greymouth: Extension of wharf down-stream approved. Okain's Bay: Amendments in design of wharf approved.

Reclamations.—Kohukohu: Approved. Auckland: George's Bay—approved. Onehunga: Captain Spring's road approved. Wellington: Dock-site protection wall approved. Dunedin: Plan and schedule for authorizing Act approved; protection wall approved. Kaitangata Lake: Approved. Invercargill: Amended plans and schedule for authorizing Act were prepared.

Boatsheds and Skids.—Rawene: R. Symons—approved. Wellington: Messrs. Croucher and Mitchell's and Mr. P. Elliott's—approved.

Foreshore Leases.—Rawene: R. Symons—increase in area approved. Kohukohu: Messrs. Andrews and Sons' reported on; Messrs. Halliwell Bros.' approved; Mr. E. Fell's approved. Whangarei: Between Limestone Island and Mangapai was not approved. Coromandel: Tukituki Bay—Messrs. Rich and Jeffries' approved.

Bridges.—Gisborne: Sewer-bridge over Waimata River approved. Wanganui: Dublin Street—Vesting Bill examined and reported on. Collingwood: Coal Creek Bridge approved. Kaiapoi: Temporary bridge approved. Greymouth: Proposal to make bridge over Grey River at Tainui Street reported on.

Harbour-works.—Waipu: Extension of training-walls approved. Kapiti: boat-harbour approved. Motueka: New harbour scheme approved. Kaiapoi: Extension of training-wall approved. Hokitika: Amended plans of moles approved.

Miscellaneous.—Hokianga: Band-stand enlargement approved. Auckland: Sewer outfall—temporary construction-works approved; repair slips in Freeman's Bay approved. Mercury Bay: Whenuakite River timber-booms approved. Umangawha River: Timber-booms approved. Manukau: Westfield Company's sewer outfall approved. West Haven: New survey reported on, with estimate of cost. Karamea: Barrage of lagoon-channel approved. River Avon: Bank-protection at Bromley approved. Dunedin: Groynes at Ocean Beach reported on.

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