

APPENDIX C.

ANNUAL REPORT ON BUILDINGS BY THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.

The GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT to the Hon. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 1st April, 1918.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various building-works throughout the Dominion during the twelve months ended 31st March last :—

NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Work has continued without cessation throughout the year, but progress has been slow and, as regards the marble masonry work, rather disappointing. The Museum Street frontage has been carried up to the ceiling-level of the first floor, being now at the same height as the principal frontage to Molesworth Street. The output of marble at the quarry has been affected by the scarcity of suitable labour. Fair progress has been made internally towards completion of the chamber of the House of Representatives, the lounge lobby, rooms for the Speaker, Chairman of Committees, Clerk, Assistant Clerks, and *Hansard* staff, which have been pushed on with a view to having the chamber in the new building ready for occupation for the coming session of Parliament. Plastering, heating, ventilation, and electric-lighting works in the new building have been carried forward as far as practicable.

GENERAL.

Old Post-office, Auckland.—Extensive alterations were made to accommodate several Departments.

Departmental Buildings, New Plymouth.—Conveniences were provided and tell-tale clock installed.

Departmental Buildings, Napier.—Extensive alterations were carried out and a retiring-room added.

Departmental Buildings, Nelson.—Caretaker's cottage was erected.

Special School for Girls, Richmond.—A laundry and outhouses were added.

Puységur Point.—Three cottages are being erected for the lighthouse staff.

POST-OFFICES.

Kaitiaki.—Additions were made to office building, lighting and hot-water services installed.

Ohaeawai.—Additions were made to the telephone exchange.

Auckland (Wellesley Street).—Foundations were put in, and a contract let for the erection of a building in brick.

Devonport.—Extensive alterations to building were completed.

Turua.—A wooden office building with quarters was erected.

Te Kuiti.—Extensive additions were made and a clock installed.

Piopia.—A wooden building was erected under contract.

Taumarunui.—A retiring-room for ladies was provided.

Whakatane.—Additions and alterations were made to the office building and a clock provided.

Te Puke.—Substantial additions to office building were made.

Mokau.—A small office building was erected by contract.

New Plymouth.—One room was converted into a strong-room.

Wanganui.—Retiring-room for ladies was added to building.

Featherston.—A new storeroom was erected.

Wellington General Post-office.—Lavatory accommodation was extended.

Te Karaka.—An office building in wood was erected.

Port Awanui.—A small wooden building was erected.

Gisborne.—Additions were made to Telegraph store.

Hastings.—Extensive alterations and repairs were carried out.

Palmerston North.—Substantial additions were completed by contract.

Heretaunga.—An office building was completed under contract.

Richmond.—Sanitary accommodation was provided.

Upper Moutere.—A wooden building was erected under contract.

Money-order Office, Christchurch.—Foundations have been put in.

Rakaia.—A Postmaster's residence was erected by contract.

Oamaru.—Accommodation for an automatic-telephone exchange is being provided.

Roslyn.—An automatic-telephone exchange has been completed.

St. Clair.—The old school building was converted to serve as a post-office.