

the day-room on the eastern side are twelve single rooms for patients; on the western side are the nurses' quarters, consisting of six single-bed rooms, also storeroom, scullery, and all kitchen conveniences. Leading off the day-room, patients are provided with extensive lavatory and bathroom accommodation.

Porirua.—Repairs were effected to the malthoid roofs. Electric light was installed in the doctor's cottage. The installation of the new drainage system was commenced early in the year and is still proceeding.

Sunnyside.—The Vigilant automatic fire-alarm system has been installed.

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

Plans and specifications were prepared for additions and renovations to the Te Araroa, Tikitiki, Waiorongomai, Reporua, and Tuparoa Native Schools, and work in each case has been completed.

EDUCATION.

Boys' Training-farm, Stoke.—The whole of the buildings, outbuildings, shops, stables, &c., have been fitted with electric light, the current being supplied by the Waimea Electric Supply Company.

Special School for Girls, Richmond.—The ground round the front and side of two Cottage Homes has been regraded and drained. Drainage for a length of 12 chains was laid down from the end of the existing drainage to carry the water to the foreshore.

Summer School for the Deaf.—General repairs were carried out. A new dormitory was built by contract.

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

At the Ruakura Experimental Farm two buildings are in course of erection, both of wood, for the use of returned soldiers requiring instruction in agriculture. One of these comprises thirty-two cubicles, thirty of which are sleeping-quarters for men, and one for a cloak-room, and one contains the boiler which provides hot water for baths, &c. The second building comprises a kitchen complete with pantry, servery, scullery, meat and vegetables store, and coal-bunker. Attached to this kitchen is a dining-room, also a recreation-room, and a laundry for the use of the soldiers is being erected.

In Wellington extensive office accommodation is under construction for the War Expenses and Pay Branch of the Department. The building is a two-storied temporary structure, but the internal accommodation and furnishings are of a very convenient type, and are really the best Government offices so far as light and conveniences are concerned in Wellington. The building is heated with an "Ideal" hot-water service.

At Hanmer Military Hospital the following buildings were erected:—Staff quarters—a building 104 ft. by 20 ft., with all sanitary conveniences; a massage-room, 50 ft. by 20 ft., with baths and conveniences; library and pack-store fitted with all necessary lockers and shelving, for use as a library and store. Extensive repairs were carried out at the Hospital owing to the damage done by heavy snow and frost, which caused the water-mains to burst and guttering to break down. Electric lighting was installed at the Hospital staff quarters, massage-room, Red Cross workshops, electrician's cottage, and pack-store. A Red Cross workshop for basketmaking and carpentry was erected, and the necessary benches and fittings constructed. A five-roomed cottage with all conveniences has been erected under contract for the use of the electrician in charge of lighting at the Hospital. Contracts have been let for the following additional works: Medical inspection and ordnance store, soiled-linen room, operating-theatre, Red Cross workshop, and a Y.M.C.A. building. A building was removed from Featherston to Hanmer and re-erected to serve as a cinema-hall, and accommodation provided for vocational training. In addition to these works drill-halls throughout the Dominion have been efficiently maintained on behalf of the Department concerned.

Many other works of a minor nature, too numerous to mention, and which included renovations, installations of lighting, water-supply, drainage, &c., have been carried out on behalf of various Departments, in addition to which furniture has been supplied to all Government offices throughout the Dominion.

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