

*Tapuanui.*—Postmaster's residence, outbuildings, and fences were repainted, and the interior of the residence repainted and repapered.

*Wedderburn.*—Repainted inside and out, and general repairs effected.

The following additional offices were repaired and renovated: Alexandra, Caversham, Dunedin, Dunedin North, Port Chalmers, Waipiata, Bluff, Fortrose, Gore, Invercargill, Maitauri, Otaitau, Riverton, and Waikaka.

#### AGRICULTURE.

*Ruakura.*—A new building to house an engine in connection with the electric-lighting system is in course of erection. The accommodation for returned soldiers has been completed.

*Somes Island.*—Watering facilities for stock have been provided in the paddocks. Water was laid on to the caretaker's cottage, and renovations were effected to the interior, and the exterior painted.

*Fairlie.*—A hot-water service was installed in the Stock Inspector's residence, and renovations effected.

*Balclutha and Owaka.*—Both residences were renovated and repainted, and those at Middlemarch and Naseby repaired.

*Invercargill.*—Sanitary connection with the city sewerage system was made at the poison-mixing depot.

*Otautau.*—Inspector's residence was renovated and office furniture provided.

#### MENTAL HOSPITALS.

*Auckland Mental Hospital.*—Main chimney-stack of boiler erected, house repaired, also a fireplace in No. 2 auxiliary, and general repairs, &c., have been effected.

*Tokanui Mental Hospital, Unit No. 5.*—This work was started in January, 1918, and was completed and handed over in November, 1919.

*Camp Buildings.*—Work was commenced in April, 1919, and completed in November, 1919.

*Male and Female Admission Block.*—Work was commenced in October, 1919. All screeds for damp-course level have been fixed to their respective levels, and the greater portion of damp-course laid. The chimney-foundations have been fixed and filled with concrete. All brickwork has been carried up to damp-course level, and day-room portion up to sleeper height.

*Female Block.*—In this block the concrete foundations are now complete and the drains are being put in. A start has been made with the painting of unit No. 1 and roofs of No. 1 dormitory.

*Porirua.*—The principal work done during the year was the completion of the new drainage system.

*Nelson.*—Work is proceeding under contract at the new reception block (in brick), let at a cost of £6,647 4s. The concrete foundations were commenced on the 31st March, 1920, and at the present time the brickwork is laid up to the damp-course all round the building and 3 ft. high on the back wall.

*Sunnyside.*—The only work carried out at this institution consisted of testing and maintenance of the automatic fire-alarm system.

#### EDUCATION (NATIVE SCHOOLS).

*Pupuke and Tautoro.*—General repairs and painting have been carried out. A new bathroom was erected and alterations made to the kitchen at the former, and a range installed at the latter.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for Native-school buildings at Waiohau and Matata, and for a teacher's residence at Waimahana.

*Manutahi.*—Completed except fencing.

*Tihiomanono.*—Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining material, which prevented a commencement being made.

*Wharekahika.*—The contract for additions has been delayed for want of timber.

*Rangitukia.*—Tenders have been invited for the erection of a new class room and shelter shed.

#### GENERAL.

In addition to the foregoing, a considerable volume of work has been carried out in the maintenance of drill-halls; the Observatory and Dominion Laboratory, both in Wellington; Public Trust Offices throughout the Dominion; St. Helens Hospitals; Customs buildings; Ministerial residences, Wellington; tourist resorts, repatriation offices, receiving-homes, &c.

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