

## APPENDIX C.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON BUILDINGS, BY THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.

THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various building operations of the Department for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

## NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

During the year 5,622 cubic feet of stone was worked and 5,909 cubic feet was set, the principal stonework being the completion of the two north features on the Molesworth Street and Museum Street frontages, the columns and cornice over loggia, the columns and capital stones at the front entrance, and the balance of columns in the Legislative Council chamber. The corridors and rooms on the ground floor of the Museum Street front, the Speaker's suite, and the corridors and rooms on the ground and first floors have been completed. A considerable amount of brickwork was carried on, and the covering of the roofs of the loggia and post-office, as well as the making good of the holes in the floor and roof caused by dismantling the cranes, was completed, and the final asphaltting of all roofs is well in hand. Electric light, power mains, and heating plant were installed in the newly finished portion of the building, and temporary partitions were erected at the main entrance to enable work to be carried on during the session with as little inconvenience to members as possible. A contract was let for the supply and fixing of the ornamental marble for entrance-hall and lounges. Good progress has been made during the latter part of the period, and it is anticipated that the building will be fully completed for the session of 1922.

## VICE-REGAL RESIDENCES.

*Auckland.*—The interior of the residence has been altered and renovated, and the exterior and outhouses repainted. The promenade in front of residence has been renewed in concrete. New W.C. has been fitted at Lodge Cottage, and the yard has been asphalted. Two motor-garages and storeroom for meat and vegetables have been erected. New blinds have been provided. Men's quarters have been provided at the stables.

*Wellington.*—Extensive alterations were effected to this building, and considerable additional accommodation provided, principally with a view to furnishing offices for His Excellency the Governor-General and staff, and providing additional accommodation for the servants. Additions were made to the laundry, and a bath and additional lavatory accommodation was installed in the attic rooms. Arrangements were made for the heating of the linen-presses, and towel-rails and hot-water racks were installed in the bathroom and pantry. Twelve rooms were papered, and the head gardener's cottage was renovated, papered, and painted. Two rooms in the maids' cottage were papered. The upper and lower reservoirs were cleaned out and cement-washed, and the plumbing-work throughout the building was overhauled. A number of the rooms were subdivided to furnish additional accommodation. A shed with concrete floor was erected for the gardener's use, and the main drive was widened. A new floor was put down in the bathroom in the west wing, and the bath was refitted. The carpets in various rooms were taken up, cleaned, and relaid. New pipes for the hot-water service were put in to remedy the discoloration of the bathroom, and a new porch was erected at the entrance to the ball-room. A new strong-room was constructed. A skylight was put in in the ironing-room. Repairs were effected to various parts of the roof, and the drains were inspected quarterly. The road round the grounds was repaired and metalled, and the iron fence enclosing the asphalt tennis-court was removed at the request of the Governor-General. The whole building was cleaned up generally in preparation for the new Governor-General's occupation, and his furniture was unpacked and placed in position.

## DEPARTMENTAL BUILDINGS.

*Auckland.*—General repairs have been carried out to exterior of Customs Buildings, and all wood and iron work painted. Yards have been repaired, tarred, and sanded.

Alterations have been carried out and a large range of fittings supplied to the Lands and Survey Department, North Auckland. The strong-room has also been altered.

The Public Works Stores Department have been removed to their new quarters in Shaw-Savill's Buildings, and all necessary alterations carried out.

Alterations have been carried out to the first floor of the Law Court Buildings to accommodate tenants who have been transferred from the third floor. Preparations are being made to accommodate the Valuation Department on the third floor.

Offices have been fitted up in the Tramway Buildings, and necessary fittings supplied to accommodate the Forestry Department, who are now in occupation.

General alterations have been carried out and office fittings supplied to Public Trust Office.