

An addition in brick, about 70 ft. by 20 ft., has been completed, together with office fittings, and is now occupied by the Deeds Office staff. All brickwork in the additional story has been completed; the roof is on and the floor laid. The alterations for the Stamp Department have not yet been commenced. Providing plasterers can be obtained, the whole of the work authorized should be completed in about four months' time.

Offices have been fitted up in the Tramway Buildings, and necessary furniture and fittings provided for the accommodation of the Standard Survey Department, who are now in occupation.

Alterations and renovations have been carried out to Nurses' Home, St. Helens Hospital. The cottage on section for new building has been shifted and renovated, the section has been cleared for the contractor, and a start made with the erection of the new building. All the foundations are completed, and the brickwork is up to plinth-level.

*Motuihi Island.*—The erection of quarantine buildings has been completed, and storage-tanks and water-supply have been installed. The construction of a new wharf is being held over for the present.

*Tauranga.*—A contract has been let for a Meat Inspector's residence, Whakatane, but owing to difficulty in procuring materials, &c., the work was delayed considerably. For the Stock Department fittings, &c., have been provided and new premises arranged for.

*Taumarunui.*—Extensive repairs were effected to the Chief Clerk's residence. The tiles were removed from the roof and replaced with corrugated iron, the interior was papered and renovated, and the outside painted.

*Napier.*—A blue-print shed has been erected for the Public Works Department, the main building repainted, outbuildings renovated, and additional garage erected.

*Tarawera.*—The foundations of the bath-house have been strengthened.

*Gisborne.*—In Lands and Deeds Office 100 plan drawers were supplied and placed, also several articles of furniture supplied. A new door was placed on strong-room. The exterior of St. Helens Hospital, Townley, the operating-room, and the bathroom have been painted. The nurses' quarters have been altered and improved, and a storeroom has been constructed. An office in the Government Life Insurance Buildings has been renovated and furnished for the newly established branch.

*Waikaremoana.*—A septic tank has been constructed at the Hostel, drainage installed, and improved sanitary arrangements effected. Additions and other very necessary improvements were made. Renovations to interior have also been carried out.

*Morere.*—Tenders have been invited for erection of caretaker's residence.

*Whangamomona.*—A small addition has been made to the Road Inspector's house, and the building has been painted and papered.

*New Plymouth.*—Additions, alterations, and repairs have been carried out to the Deeds Office, and new counter, grille, pigeonholes, &c., provided. Electric light was installed in the Customs Offices, and three electric-light radiators, linoleum, and furnishings were provided. Repairs have been effected to the Native Hostelry, the exterior painted, and electric light installed.

*Stratford.*—The roof of the Public Works Office has been repaired, one electric-light point installed, and one nest of pigeonholes provided. A new garage with concrete floor, iron walls and roof has been erected at the Stock Inspector's private residence.

*Opunake.*—Two rooms of the Stock Inspector's residence have been painted and papered, and general renovations carried out.

*Patea.*—New spouting and tank have been provided and fixed for the Customs Department.

*Carterton.*—The Agriculture Department's offices were painted and papered, and alterations effected.

*Palmerston North.*—Renovations were effected to the District Valuer's Office, Palmerston North.

*Otaki.*—The Hospital and Sanatorium and Farm Manager's cottage were renovated, painted, and papered.

*Somes Island.*—The "Delco" electric-light system was installed, also a new pumping plant. The road was repaired and metalled, and renovations were effected to a number of the buildings.

*Trentham.*—Alterations were effected to the Crippled Children's Ward, a cupboard and other furniture supplied, a heating copper and stove installed in the laundry, and fencing and verandas erected.

*Wallaceville.*—A new vaccine-table and other fittings were constructed for the Laboratory, and repairs were effected to the main building and the residence, and a water-supply installed.

*Wellington.*—The electric lights, bells, and domestic telephones in various offices in Government Building were attended to as required. A large addition was made to the motor-garage facing the Government Printing Office. A storage-bin for holding about 50 tons of coke was erected at the rear of the building. The foundations for the new electric lift were put in, and the ironwork was erected. The floor in one of the rooms in the south wing was strengthened, and a cement-testing machine was installed therein. The heating-system and the sanitary fittings throughout the building were overhauled. A helio-printing room was erected on the roof, and was fitted with the necessary appliances. The ladies' lavatories were cleaned and painted, and storage accommodation was provided for the Internal Affairs Department under the stairs at the north end. Hot-water radiators were installed in the Land and Survey Department's offices. Extensive alterations were effected to the offices on the ground floor vacated by the Land and Income Tax Department to suit the requirements of the various Departments who were transferred thereto. Renovations were effected to the ladies' retiring-room attached to the Stamp Duties Department, to room 16 of the Education Department, to a number of the rooms in the Internal Affairs Department, and to various rooms in the Public Works and Mental Hospitals Departments. Considerable alterations were effected to various offices throughout the building, including the Treasury offices, the Public Works Accountant's office, the Native Trust office, and the State Advances office.