

Extensive alterations were carried out in the Government Insurance Buildings to suit the Department's requirements, and a considerable number of pigeonholes and other items of office furniture were supplied. Galleries were erected round the offices occupied by the Lands and Deeds Department. Repairs were effected to the heating-boilers, and a number of the rooms were renovated. Alterations were effected to the water-supply for fire-prevention, and to the hot-water pipes, and the sanitary fittings were repaired. The electric lights and bells in various offices were repaired and altered as required.

The heating-system in old Parliament Buildings was overhauled. The electric lights, bells, and telephones in various offices were attended to and altered as required, the bathrooms painted, rooms cleaned, repaired, and painted, and the installation of the Vigilant fire-alarm system completed. The rooms occupied by the Public Works District Office were distempered, and the furniture and fittings cleaned. Steps were taken to provide ventilation in the offices occupied by the Health Department with a view to providing additional accommodation, and a number of the rooms were renovated.

Extensive alterations were carried out on the ground and first floors of Public Trust Office, and a number of the rooms were distempered, painted, and renovated. New boilers were installed for the heating-system, and repairs were effected to the sanitary fittings. The exterior wood and iron work was painted. The electric lights, bells, and telephones were attended to as required.

A considerable amount of work was done to the Government Printing Office in connection with the strengthening of the foundations under the south wing, and the substitution of concrete foundations for the decayed piles. A new steam heater was installed in the paper-store, and repairs were effected to the steam-pipes and the sanitary fittings. The roofs were painted, a considerable quantity of shelving erected, a gas-compressor installed in the monotype-room, and electric light installed in the motor-garage.

A gas heating-system was installed in Fletcher's Buildings for the Education and Immigration Departments, and the offices were fitted up to suit the Departments' requirements.

The Hemp Grader's offices were renovated. The cellar and offices in the Dominion Farmers' Building were fitted up to suit the Department's requirements.

Electric light was installed in the Biological Laboratory, and the building altered and fitted up. Alterations were effected in Base Records Building to suit the requirements of the Native Trust Office. A large quantity of shelving was erected in the W.F.C.A. building for use in connection with the taking of the census, and alterations were effected to suit the Department's requirements. Alterations were effected to provide accommodation for the School Dental and Medical Officers, and a portion of the rooms was fitted up as a Dental School. Four rooms were papered and painted for the use of External Affairs Department. Private letter-boxes were constructed in the Public Works Workshops for the Samoa Post Office. One room was papered and painted for the Compiler of Statutes.

A portion of the Pipitea Store was partitioned off to form a canteen store, and a considerable amount of shelving was erected and skylights were put in. Renovations were effected to various parts of the s.s. "Tutanekai." Repairs were effected to the sanitary fittings, &c., of St. Helens Hospital, and the lift was tested weekly. The exterior of the Customs Buildings was painted; the windows frosted; alterations effected to the drains and waste pipes, and various of the rooms renovated. The Tourist offices on Lambton Quay were renovated.

Repairs were effected to the basement of the Dominion Museum and the cellars cleaned out. The outbuildings were papered, and new lights installed in the studio and workshop. Alterations and renovations were carried out in the Housing Branch, Labour Department. The store constructed for Curtis Island was painted. Alterations were effected to the Official Assignee's offices, a portion being partitioned off to provide accommodation for the Repatriation Department. Alterations and renovations were effected to the offices in the Whitmore Street Building taken over by the Land and Income Tax Department. A domestic-telephone system was installed in the Board of Trade's offices.

*Nelson.*—Two new offices have been erected, congoium and feltine laid, office furniture provided, and gas heaters fixed for the Land and Deeds Registry Office. Pigeonholes have been provided and sun-hoods fixed to the windows of the Clerk of Court's office. The Public Works Department workshop has been extended, and a combined planer and mortizer machine installed. A new close-boarded fence has been erected on three sides of the Customhouse section. The offices now occupied by the State Forest Service have been papered, and congoium and feltine laid on floors; plan-drawers, two office-desks, bookcase, tables, pigeonholes, and counter have been constructed, and new gas fittings fixed.

*Greymouth.*—The Explosives Magazine has been completed. The repair work at the Otira Hospital is well in hand. Repairs and renovations have been carried out as required to the various Government buildings in the district.

*Christchurch.*—The office arrangements in the Stamps Department were altered, counter extended and partition erected, and additional fittings provided. Shelving was erected in this Department's cellar. The Valuation Department was removed from the first floor to top floor, and many items of new furniture and fittings were supplied. Renovations were carried out in the ladies' retiring-room, and several small furniture items supplied.

Alterations were carried out to provide an office for the Housing Branch of the Labour Department. Three new steel-wire ropes were fitted to the electric elevator. Additions have been made to the Public Works Workshops. A cement shed was erected, also a shed for petrol. The electric lighting was completed. New machinery is now being purchased to be placed in the new portion of workshops. Electric light was installed in the Public Works Workshops cottage.

The nurses' quarters at Quail Island were renovated and necessary repairs effected. New water-tanks and stands were provided. A sanitary block and leper-hut were erected by our own staff.