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Auckland.—A number of works, consisting of duplication and extensions, were carried out by the City Council, the approval of plans and final inspection being dealt with by this Department. The principal works completed were: Great South Road extension: This work, from Manukau Road to the Harp of Erin Hotel, 144 chains in length, was completed, inspected, and opened for traffic. Old Mill Road extension, comprising 53 chains of double track from Grey Lynn section to the New Zoological Park. Onehunga duplication: 1 mile 37 chains of single track was duplicated. Work is now proceeding on the Edendale extension. Ten new cars have been inspected and passed for traffic.

Napier.—Two cars were examined and passed for traffic.

Wanganui.—Proposals have been put forward by the Borough Council for an extension to St. John's Hill. These proposals, which involved considerable street-alterations, have now been approved.

Gisborne. During the year the Ormond Road extension from the Gladstone Road line to the

borough boundary was completed and inspected.

New Plymouth.—Plans were examined and approved for the Liardet Street extension, and the

work inspected on completion.

Wellington.—A considerable amount of work was carried out on the Wellington City Tramways during the year. Plans were examined and dealt with for a number of works, and inspections made and certificates issued on their completion. The principal works completed and in hand are duplication of track, Coutts Street, Kilbirnie, and Thorndon Quay; extensions along Clyde Quay, Wakefield Street, Victoria Street, and Wallace Street. Ten new cars were completed and put through the necessary tests.

Christchurch.—The principal works carried out during the period on this system were the Clyde Road loop and the Riccarton Road duplication. Three new cars were added to the plant and duly

tested.

Dunedin.—Plans were examined and approved for the Opoho extension, and the work of construction is in hand.

Recently a conference was held between the representatives of the tramway management, the Tramway-men's Union, and the Hon. Minister to consider the question of bringing in regulations.

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