

*Gisborne District.*—A new post-office and residence combined, in wood, is nearing completion at Ruatoria. Extensive repairs and renovations were carried out to Gisborne Post-office, two telephone-boxes were erected, and general maintenance attended to. Repairs were carried out at Tikitiki Post-office, which was damaged by fire.

*Stratford District.*—At Waitara a new two-storied post-office in brick and concrete has been completed. At Urenui a new post-office in wood was erected. Repairs and renovations were carried out to twelve offices and five official quarters; general maintenance-works were attended to as required.

*Napier District.*—The new three-storied post-office at Napier was completed in July, 1930, and a large quantity of fittings and fixtures provided and installed. The building is a composite structure of steel-frame, reinforced concrete and brickwork—the street frontages being finished with Coromandel granite and Oamaru stone. Subsequent to the earthquake of the 3rd February, temporary accommodation was provided for the Postal Department in the Hawke's Bay Farmers' old building. Additional garage accommodation was provided at Wairoa and ordinary maintenance work effected. Renewals and repairs were carried out to Nuhaka Post-office, and walls damaged by fire in the main office were made good. Earthquake damage has been made good, partly or completely, at the following post-offices: Clive, Tarawera, Taradale, Tikokino, Waipawa, Norsewood, Porangahau, Woodville, Wairoa, Havelock North, Greenmeadows, Ongaonga, Waipukurau, Dannevirke, and Otane.

*Wellington District.*—The new eight-storied post-office at Wellington East (Courtenay Place) is progressing satisfactorily, and should be completed about the end of September next. Extensive alterations and additions have been made to Masterton Post-office, and the old portion of the building is being renovated. Alterations, repairs, and renovations were carried out as required to twenty-three post-offices in the district.

*Nelson District.*—The extensive additions and alterations to Nelson Central Post-office were completed, also the strengthening of the tower. The large store and garage at Blenheim was completed. Repairs and renovations were carried out to eight post-offices.

*Christchurch District.*—In September, 1930, a contract was let for the erection of a four-storied post-office at High Street, Christchurch. The building will be of steel frame and reinforced concrete construction, and the steel frame has been erected to first-floor level. An old wooden building was demolished and removed; ninety-nine concrete piles were driven and a concrete foundation raft constructed on same. Excavation for the basement and concrete walls and floor for same were completed. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupation early in 1932. A residence in wood was erected for the Postmaster at Hinds. Extensive alterations and renovations were carried out to the old manual exchange at Christchurch. Repairs and renovations were carried out to sixteen post-offices as required.

*Dunedin District.*—During the year the extensive foundation work in preparation for the new chief post-office was completed, the expenditure for the year being over £18,000. Tenders for the erection have been called and close in January, 1932. A new two-storied post-office and residence, in brick and concrete, was erected at Palmerston South. At Kurow a one-story post-office with separate residence was erected in Oamaru stone. Repairs, renovations, and maintenance-works were carried out to thirty-eight post-offices, residences, and telephone exchanges, and also to Awarua Radio-station.

*Greymouth District.*—A new post-office in reinforced concrete is in course of erection at Westport. This building replaces the post-office which was extensively damaged in the 1929 earthquake and was subsequently demolished. The nature of the site necessitated special reinforced-concrete foundations. The building will be ready for occupation about the end of the year. Repairs and renovations were carried out to eleven offices and residences.

#### COURTHOUSES.

*Whangarei District.*—The Courthouse at Kaitia was repaired and renovated.

*Auckland District.*—The new Courthouse at Hamilton was completed during the year and opened on the 22nd February. The building was completely furnished and the grounds are being laid out. Repairs, &c., were carried out at Cambridge, Thames, and Te Aroha Courthouses.

*Taumarunui District.*—Repairs and renovations were carried out to Courthouses at Te Kuiti and Taumarunui.

*Tauranga District.*—Alterations and additions were completed at Rotorua Courthouse, and furniture and fittings supplied. Minor works were carried out to two other Courthouses.

*Gisborne District.*—Repairs and renovations were carried out to Gisborne Courthouse and to the Native Land Court. At the latter building concrete pediments above the roof-level are being removed.

*Stratford District.*—Improved accommodation for Bench, counsel, and jury was provided at Wanganui Courthouse. Maintenance and repairs were carried out to six other courthouses.

*Napier District.*—The Napier Courthouse was renovated inside and out prior to the earthquake; and earthquake damage has been made good, partly or completely, at the following Courthouses: Napier, Waipukurau, Ormondville, Waipawa, and Hastings.

*Nelson District.*—Minor maintenance-works were carried out to Courthouses at Nelson and Blenheim.

*Christchurch District.*—Repairs and renovations were carried out to Leeston Courthouse.

*Dunedin District.*—Repairs and renovations were carried out to ten Courthouses.

*Greymouth District.*—Repairs and renovations were carried out to Greymouth, Westport, and Hokitika Courthouses.