

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

*Whangarei District.*—New class-rooms, outbuildings, &c., were erected to ten Native schools. Repairs and renovations were carried out to fifteen Native schools.

*Auckland District.*—Alterations were completed to the Rakaumanga Native School, and repairs, &c., carried out to other schools. New office accommodation was provided for the Child Welfare Department in the Wellesley Street Post-office, and a Children's Court provided. These works involved extensive alterations.

*Tauranga District.*—A new Native school and residence is in course of erection at Ruatoki West. New class-rooms were erected at Te Whaiti and Te Kotukutuku Native Schools. Repairs and renovations were carried out to ten Native schools.

*Gisborne District.*—Extensive repairs, &c., were carried out to the Gisborne High School, Girls' Hostel, and to the Main School and baths. A new Native school and residence were erected at Whangaparaoa; a new residence at Tokata; a two-roomed bach at Mangawhariki; a new class-room and new concrete foundations to school at Hiruharama; new shelter-sheds, &c., at Waioamatatini. Repairs and renovations were carried out to six Native schools.

*Stratford District.*—A contract was accepted for the erection of a Technical College Hostel at Wanganui, and the building is in course of erection. It is being constructed of reinforced concrete and brickwork. Additional accommodation was provided at the Boarding-out Office, Wanganui, and repairs and maintenance carried out as required.

*Napier District.*—The new Napier Technical School, a two-storied building in brick and reinforced concrete, was almost completed prior to the earthquake. The new Napier Girls' High School, of similar construction to the above, was well advanced at the time of the earthquake. These buildings were damaged in the earthquake, and the contracts have been terminated, as future educational policy has been changed by the earthquake. A new class-room was added to Nuhaka Native School, and repairs and renovations were carried out to Native schools at Kokaho and Rangiahua. Earthquake restoration work has been carried out to Native schools at Te Haroto, Waihua, Nuhaka, and Te Reinga; also to the Greenmeadows Receiving-home. Tenders have been received for the restoration of earthquake damage to the Hastings High School, and reports have been prepared on the condition of sundry schools. Dangerous parapets and gable-ends have been removed from Napier Boys' High School.

*Wellington District.*—New Technical College workshops are in course of erection at Petone. This building, which is of steel-frame construction with reinforced-concrete walls and floors, will be of two stories, with provision for an additional story. Minor alterations and additions were made to the Palmerston North Technical School.

*Nelson District.*—The contract for new class-rooms for Nelson Girls' College was completed at a cost of approximately £10,000. At Richmond a recreation and dining block was erected for the Special School for Girls, and the cottage homes were altered and repaired. Various maintenance-works were carried out, and reports furnished regarding the condition of seven brick schools.

*Christchurch District.*—Very extensive additions have been made to Rangiora High School and Timaru Boys' High School. A new social hall and a clinic were erected at Burwood Girls' Home. A new janitor's cottage, in brick, was erected at Timaru Boys' High School. Additions were made to Timaru Girls' High School and Timaru Girls' Home. Repairs were carried out to the School for the Deaf, Sumner.

*Dunedin District.*—The home-science wing of the Invercargill Technical College was completed in February last. This two-storied wing, in brick and reinforced concrete, adjoins the original wing erected in 1927. At Anderson's Bay Home extensive renovations were carried out.

*Greymouth District.*—Extensive additions, consisting of four class-rooms and a detached sanitary block, were erected at Greymouth Technical School. Repairs and renovations were carried out to the School of Mines, Reefton.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Auckland District.*—Extensive repairs and renovations were carried out to St. Helens Hospital, and sinks and sterilizers provided and fitted up.

*Gisborne District.*—At St. Helens Hospital, Gisborne, an ante-natal block and a maids' cottage were erected. Alterations and additions were made to the main building, and all chimneys which collapsed in the earthquake were rebuilt.

*Napier District.*—A brick storeroom at Napier Hospital and a cottage for the district nurse at Hastings Hospital (also in brick) were in course of erection at the time of the earthquake, the foundations having been laid and walls commenced. Since the earthquake the works have been suspended and contracts cancelled.

*Wellington District.*—The very extensive additions to Ewart Hospital, for the Wellington Hospital Board, were completed during the year. This hospital is for tubercular patients. The work consisted of an additional story to the hospital block, a new wing to the Nurses' Home, a new boiler-house, and complete new hot-water and cooking services, the total cost being approximately £27,000. At Otaki Sanatorium the following works were completed during the year: New porters' lodge, extension of the Nurses' Home, and a new laundry and fuel-shed.

*Christchurch District.*—A new building for the Government Laboratory was erected at Christchurch, and heating system and fittings installed.

*Dunedin District.*—A new Nurses' Home, in wood, was erected for the St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill, and furnished throughout. Sundry repairs were carried out to St Helens Hospital, Dunedin.

*Greymouth District.*—Plans were prepared for a new boiler-house for Buller Hospital, Westport.