MANUFACTURE OF IRON AND STEEL CASTINGS.

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As part of the general policy of the Government, Cabinet recently approved of the Department's plan for providing all its own iron and steel casting requirements.

For this purpose machinery of the most modern type is now being installed in the Department's iron and steel foundry at the Hutt Valley Workshops.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me again express my appreciation of the efficiency with which the General Manager (Mr. G. H. Mackley), his assistants, and staff throughout the

Service have carried out their work during the year.

I know that the public have appreciated the high quality of service rendered, and I believe that in the current year, which includes the period of maximum work involved for the railways by the Centennial Year Exhibition and Celebrations, the Department will be able to meet every call upon it with equal satisfaction to the users of the Railways.