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## Computer use for hospitals

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The Government has approved the Auckland Hospital Board entering negotiations with International Computers (N.Z.), Ltd, to complete arrangements for the extended use of electronic data processing facilities in New Zealand's hospital services.

The Minister of Health (Mr McKay) said the Auckland Hospital Board made some use of computer facilities, and the provision of new equipment would enable the board to centralise its data processing projects and to develop new systems.

"More than this," he said, "it will mean the establishment of a computer centre to serve the Auckland and Waikato and ultimately the four other North Island hospital boards."

The extension of facilities will improve the medical care of patients, lead to better use of medical manpower and of hospital facilities, and be of great help in medical research.

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**Cricket.**—The Northern Districts all-rounder, K. D. Kenney, formerly of Gisborne, is to captain the Thames Valley cricket team against King Country at Taumarunui next week-end. Another newcomer is B. Stoddard, who has played for the Canterbury Colts.

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