

4. That the notice of every special meeting shall state the object for which such meeting shall be called, and that no other business be transacted at such meeting.

5. That the presence of not less than five of the Commissioners (including the Chairman) shall be necessary to constitute a meeting.

6. That if at the expiration of half-an-hour after the time appointed for any meeting, a quorum shall not have assembled, the fact shall be noted by the Secretary in the Minute Book, and no such meeting shall be held.

7. At the commencement of every meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and confirmed.

8. The Chairman shall have an original, but no casting vote.

9. Except at a full meeting of the Board, no proposal for altering or repealing any resolution of the Commissioners shall be entertained, unless notice of such proposal shall have been given at some preceding general meeting.

Addenda.—April 4th.

10. That Dr. Knight and Mr. Newman be appointed to act as Auditors.

11. That no responsibility or liability be incurred by or on account of the Commissioners, except under the authority of a resolution of the Board.

12. And that no payment be made on account of the Commissioners, except on a certificate of the Auditors.

APPENDIX B.—ADVERTISEMENTS TO ARCHITECTS.

Designs for Public Buildings for the Government of New Zealand.

Auckland, March 30th, 1864.

The Commissioners for the Erection of Public Buildings invite Architects in this and the adjacent Colonies to submit to them Designs and Estimates for the erection of the following Public Buildings at Auckland, viz.:—

1. Government House, in the Domain.
2. A Supreme Court House and offices.
3. A Post Office and Custom House (combined), fronting the harbor.

A Premium of £200 will be given for the best design of each of these three buildings; and a second premium of £100 for the second best design.

Plans of the several sites and views and information respecting the amounts available for each building, the accommodation required, and the mode of preparing the designs, &c., are detailed in the "Instructions to the Architects," which may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commissioners, at Auckland, and at the several Australian Colonies and Tasmania, from the Colonial Secretaries thereof.

The Designs and Estimates (under motto) are to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commissioners, at Auckland, on or before the 27th day of June, 1864.

S. KEMPTHORNE,

Secretary to the Commissioners for erecting Public Buildings.

DESIGNS for PUBLIC BUILDINGS for the New Zealand Government.

Instructions to Architects.

1. The Drawings are to be made to a scale of 8 feet to an inch.

- (1) Plans are to be given of each story, and a block-plan of the whole site of each set of buildings, showing the mode of approach, &c. The upper plan to have the lines of the roofs shown by faint blue lines.
- (2) An elevation of each front to be given in outline, but the openings of the doors and windows may be tinted grey or brown, and faint flat tints may be used to show the stone and brickwork, and different colored bricks, if such are intended.
- (3) Sections, longitudinal and transverse, to be given, showing walls, foundations, stairs, &c.
- (4) Perspective views from two points of view are desirable.
- (5) Models also are admissible.

2. A brief outline Specification must accompany the Designs, in order to give the Commissioners a general idea of the mode in which the buildings are proposed to be constructed, and what work in the way of internal fittings, &c., are included in the estimates.

3. The estimates must be carefully prepared, and it is recommended that they be classified among the several trades, and then a total cast up.

Information respecting current prices of materials and labor accompany these instructions.—See Schedule A.

4. The Designs and Estimates are to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commissioners, at Auckland, on or before the 27th day of June next, 1864.

They are to be distinguished by a motto and to be accompanied by a sealed letter containing the Architect's name and address, with a corresponding motto on the outside. The letters of the two successful candidates only will be opened, unless otherwise required.

It is intended to submit all the Designs for public inspection.

5. The buildings are to be constructed of brick with stone dressings, and on scoria foundations.

The principal fronts of all the buildings are to have plate glass to the windows.

6. A general statement respecting the nature of the sites and the accommodation required for the buildings is given, as a guide to the competing Architects.—See Schedule marked B.

7. The Plans (except as to Government House) should be designed with a view to future enlargement, and the mode of enlargement proposed, should be to some extent indicated by dotted lines on the Plans and elevations.

8. The Commissioners leave the question of style to the judgment and taste of the competing Architects; it may, however, be stated, that they require as a first consideration—substantiality,