

Building Notes

AUCKLAND

The Education Department has authorised the board to proceed at once with the erection of the proposed Meadowbank school in Waitatara Road, Remuera. Thirteen tenders have been received for the work, which will cost several thousand pounds. The school, which will be erected in brick, will have five classrooms to accommodate about 250 children. The site is admirably suited for the purpose and comprises about four acres. As occasion requires, the building will be added to, until ultimately it becomes a grade 10 school, capable of accommodating from 600 to 640 scholars.

Mr. A. B. Herrold, Architect, has in hand a block of shops and offices to be erected for the trustees of the late Thomas Short in Queen Street at a cost of about £10,000. The site is at present occupied by premises recently vacated by Hardie Brothers, and has a frontage of 33ft., with a depth of 116ft. The new building will comprise five storeys and a basement, with two shops on the Queen Street frontage of the ground floor.

Good progress is being made with the erection of the new Grammar School in Mountain Road, Mount Eden. Fifty-three carpenters, bricklayers, and labourers are at work on the building, and by Christmas it is expected that another 20 men, the majority plasterers and tilers, will be engaged. The brick construction was started in May, and notwithstanding the trouble which occurred between the contractor, Mr. W. E. Hutehison, and the bricklayers, some months ago, only the centre portion and the four towers remain to be built in brick. The brickwork will be completed by Christmas. Four roofs are now being placed on the two storey portion of the school, and in about a month's time the main roof will have been finished. The new school is being erected at a cost of £31,450.

CHRISTCHURCH

Building permits for month of September are as follows:—Central Ward, (inner), 1 permit, value £500; (outer), 1 permit, value £300; Linwood, 6 permits, value £1,530; St. Albans, 8 permits, value £3,775; Sydenham, 5 permits, value £2,050. Total 21 permits, value £8,155.

Building permits for month of August are:—Central Ward, (inner), 2 permits, value £2,360; Linwood, 5 permits, value £2,800; St. Albans, 3 permits, value £2,100; Sydenham, 3 permits, value £1,050. Total 13 permits, value £8,310.

The question of erecting open-air homes for children has been solved after a long collecting campaign. The Committee has now over £3,000, and the Government subsidy of 2s. in the £ was sufficient for the purpose. The Hospital Board, says the Mayor, should immediately proceed with the erection of the building, after a suitable site had been approved.

DUNEDIN

A recent report of the Works Committee of the Technical School stated that Mr. T. W. Kempthorne had intimated that he was prepared to defray the cost of erecting the wall and fence in front of the college, and at the same time he handed the director a cheque for £100. Mr. Mandeno had undertaken to prepare the plans and specifications, and the Committee, after a careful consideration of these, had arranged with Mr. McLellan to erect the wall and gates for the sum of £145. The wall and fence designed would provide the finishing touch of effectiveness to their magnificent building, and Mr. Kempthorne's generosity should be specially noted, the more so since the present donation made £900 given to the college by him in two years.

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