

The new Methodist Church at Forbury Corner is closed in consequence of street-widening operations. The church buildings are being removed, and a new church erected on the Main South road, Caversham. The building is expected to be completed early next year. Mr. W. King is contractor for the work.

HASTINGS

The plans and specifications of the proposed new Municipal Theatre at Hastings, which Mr. H. E. White, who designed and built His Majesty's Theatre in Wellington, has prepared, provide for a building to accommodate 1,200 people, and to cost about £11,200.

More confidence is being shown by people in Hastings. Building contracts that were cancelled on the outbreak of the war are now to be gone on with.

INVERCARGILL

Mr. C. J. Broderick, architect, has just completed new premises for a local syndicate for a picture theatre, on the site occupied by Messrs. G. W. Woods & Co. This firm have secured the premises of Messrs. Heads & Hill, and intend erecting an engineering shop and large garage. Messrs. Heads & Hill have erected in Spey Street large stables. Messrs. McKay & Tinnoek were the builders.

MARTON

The Marton freezing proposition has sprung into activity again, the Wellington Meat Export Company having advised the promoters that as soon as matters become more elastic the company will be prepared to proceed with the erection of the works at Kakariki.

WELLINGTON

The principal portion of a new store designed by Mr. J. Charlesworth architect, for Messrs. C. Smith Ltd. is now erected. The construction is of steel and brick, stone finish, and tile treatment. There are two entrances, with extensive window space, vestibules with arcade features—a further development of the island shop windows. The building is three storeys, on a site 84ft. x 195ft., with two spacious light wells, 32ft. x 32ft., and 32ft. x 24ft. respectively, each forming galleries in upper floors. Drawn solid steel columns support the floors and in no way interfere with lighting arrangements or block passage-ways. Sizes of columns:—First floor, 7 ins. diameter, 16ft. high; second floor, 6 ins. diameter, 13ft. high; third floor, 5 ins. diameter, 12ft. high. Crystal showcases replace counters and the Hanger system for suspension of made-up garments in dust proof cabinets or presses to prevent creasing. Handsome brass rails are used for fittings, and ceilings are of Wunderlich embossed steel. The Grinnell system of sprinklers—with calls—is installed for fire prevention. The roof is reinforced malthoid with Wade skylights for lighting. Messrs. Alf. Seamer & Son are contractors. The work will cost about £20,000 when finished.

Messrs. J. H. Mayers & Co., are the contractors for the training college at Kelburne which is under construction to design of Mr. Gray-Young. The same contractors are building a wool shed for the Harbour Board.

Good progress is being made by Mr. H. H. Olliver with his contract for the erection of the new buildings in connection with the Otaki Hospital (says the Otaki Mail). Three buildings are being erected—one for the female staff, another for the men, and the third being a laundry and storeroom. The laundry is a spacious one, with a cement floor. The building will probably be completed this month.

Mr. J. M. Dawson, architect, has just completed the building known as the McCarthy Buildings in Willis Street. The building has a frontage of 42ft. 10ins., and a depth of 92ft. and is built of brick, concrete and steel, plaster-finished. Mr. W. L. Thompson was the builder and the sub-contractors were, plumbing, Judd & Randell; plastering, Kent & Bryant; painting, T. A. Wells.

Messrs. Penty & Lawrence were the architects for Lombard Buildings recently finished for Messrs. Ellis & Manton, Old Custom-house Street, and Messrs. Sanders Bros. the builders. The building consists of five storeys and basement and is built of brick and has a frontage of 66 feet.

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