

feet above the ground at the "West" end, it will show the large amount of substructure necessary before building proper can be commenced. Much greater progress would have been made but for the difficulty that has been experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of stone. However it is hoped that very shortly this difficulty will be overcome when more activity will be shown in the building. The nave floor is being constructed of reinforced concrete, on the beam and slab principle, boxing for this being partly completed now.

A new Anglican Vicarage at Port Chalmers is being built and is about two thirds finished at the present time. The materials are brick, with Marseilles tile roof, and a simple but solid effect is being aimed at. The style is modified "Georgian," which is was felt would be suitable to the character and purpose of the building. The accommodation provides seven good rooms, besides offices, with all modern conveniences and labour-saving devices. The house is unorthodox, in that it has its back to the street, but it was felt that the only sensible course was to face all the rooms possible away from the street, and obtain for them the benefit of the northern aspect, and glorious view of the harbour, wharves, etc., and let the kitchen etc. have the honour of viewing the street. The Vicarage is costing about £950, the builders being Messrs. Love Bros.

A five-roomed cottage is now in course of construction in Royal Crescent, Kew, for Miss Wilson, built of brick, with tiled roof, and costing about £700. In this case also the same method is being employed, of facing away from the street, and towards the sun and view. The builders are Messrs. S. Aburn & Sons.

Alterations have now been completed at Tramway Car Sheds, these consist in removing a large portion of dead wall on front of building. Making each road independent on to a layout of points in Market Street. Formerly there were only 3 roads and the cars inside the shed required to be removed from each road by means of a traverser which entailed a lot of work and inconvenience, whereas now there are 12 roads provided and the space occupied by the traverser will enable 12 more cars to be housed. The work entailed a deal of careful handling on the part of the Contractor—Mr. J. A. McKinnon—especially

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