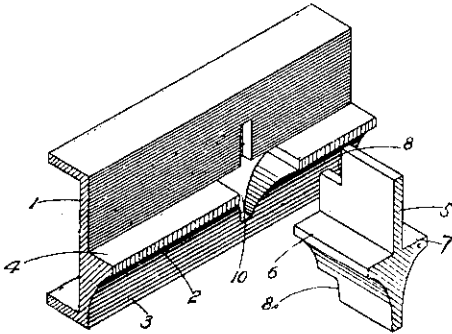


Window-Sash-Frame Joint, Steel.—Alfred Woolnough of Willis Street, Dunedin, has taken out a patent (No. 36436). It comprises, in combination with the outside members of the frame, an astragal-member, consisting of a bar having filleted



lateral projections and a dowel formed by cutting a shoulder at the end of the astragal-member, the said dowel including the filleted lateral projections thereon, being adapted to be housed within a correspondingly shaped hole punched in the outside rail-member of the sash.

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Building Notes

AUCKLAND.

The fine new building for the New Zealand Insurance Coy. in Queen Street which is being erected to the designs of Messrs. Hoggard, Prouse and Gunner is progressing well. The steel framing is all up and a good deal of the concrete work is finished. The building is to be faced with Kairuru marble from Nelson district (the same marble that is being used to face the New Parliamentary buildings in Wellington).

The stone varies in colour from almost pure white to a dark bluish-grey, and it is hoped to utilise this feature so as to produce a unique effect in the building's appearance. The darkest shades will be employed in the lower storeys and the lighter shades in the upper portion of the facade. A central portico entrance will be the main feature of the lower part of the building. It will be 40ft. wide and 27ft. high, passing upwards between two storeys. Two fine white marble columns will tower in the foreground, having bronze bases and caps, the former bearing the monogram of the company. The pillars will be 3ft thick and their shining whiteness will form an effective contrast against the darker shadows of the portico.

A great deal of delay has been caused in the building of the Myers Kindergarten by the difficulty experienced in obtaining the steel frames for the casements, but these have now come to hand, and the carpentry work is now practically finished, with the exception of putting in the doors. There yet remains a great deal of plastering to be done, as all the downstairs ceilings and walls have to be finished, in addition to some outside work on the rear portion of the building. It is now possible to gain a fair idea of the appearance the rooms will present when finished, these being fitted with accordion collapsible doors in such a way that they can be practically converted into open-air balconies in fine weather. It is expected that the building will be completed this month.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A new wing has just been added to St. Saviour's Orphanage, Richmond. It is substantially built of brick, roofed with slates,

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