

reach the full height permitted under the City Council by-laws—100-ft. above the level of Queen Street. The new portion is constructed in ferro-concrete. Every precaution has been taken against fire, and water-sprinklers supplied by large tanks above the roof are arranged in every ceiling, and will operate automatically on the heat reaching 150 degrees. The roof is flat, and is to be used as a tea garden.

Two new Roman Catholic parish schools have been started, one at Grey Lynn and the other in North Road. The Grey Lynn building, which is being designed to accommodate about 300 pupils, is to be erected in brick and rough cast, with a slate roof. It will be divided into six classrooms, and there will also be two large playing-sheds attached. Tenders for the building closed during the month. The school at Remuera is to be built of wood, and it will be erected by "day labour." It will be divided into five classrooms, and will accommodate about 250 children. Messrs E. Mahoney and Son are the architects for both buildings.

Tenders for the erection of an additional wooden block of rooms at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, closed last month and that of Mr. T. Morris of Waikumete for £903 was accepted. The proposed additions comprise an art class-room, science room, and cookery class-room, each to accommodate 25 pupils, also an auxiliary dormitory for seven pupils. Mr. D. B. Patterson is the architect.

Tenders were called during the month for the Y.W.C.A. Administrative building to designs by Messrs Hoggard, Prouse and W. H. Gummer, A.R.I.B.A. Thirteen tenders were received, but owing to some legal difficulty in connection with the site none has yet been accepted.

CHRISTCHURCH.

In the Supreme Court last month Mr. Justice Denniston delivered judgment in the case of Hugh R. Hamilton (Mr. S. G. Raymond, K.C., and Mr. Salter) v. the New Zealand Institute of Architects (Mr. A. F. Wright). This was a case in which the plaintiff appealed against the decision of the New Zealand Institute of Architects to refuse to register plaintiff under the terms of the New Zealand Institute of Architects Act, 1913. On June 30th, 1914, plaintiff applied to the Board of the Institute for registration, and forwarded evidence of his qualifications, which were not called into question. The Board requested the production of the original certificates, and also asked plaintiff to make a statutory declaration that plaintiff was not engaged, and would not engage in any other trade or occupation on his own account or in partnership with any person or persons other than that of an architect solely, on the ground that the Act provided for the registration of architects only, and not persons engaged wholly or in part in other occupations. Much correspondence passed between the plaintiffs and the Board. His Honour held that the Board had not "received, considered, and determined" the plaintiffs' application within the legal meaning of the words of sub-section 11 of the Act. It was also clear that it had not considered the application on its merits; if it had, the Board would not have declined it. The Board had introduced an extraneous element into the matter—the refusal of the applicant to supply something the Board had no right to require. He held, therefore, that the Board had not considered the application on its merits, and the plaintiff was entitled to the relief he asked. Judgment would be for plaintiff, with costs on the lowest scale.

The City Council are about to erect a new building at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets to house the electrical engineer and staff. The plan of the proposed building, which had been approved by the committee and the Finance Committee, was laid on the table. A rough estimate of the cost was £6,000 (without electrical equipment), which it was proposed to charge to maintenance account, and the committee recommended that the city surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and specifications, and invite tenders for the work.

The cheese factory which is being erected by the Canterbury Dairy Produce Company, Ltd., at the corner of Bush's and Grimwood's roads, about two miles from the Rangiora Post Office, is now well on the way to completion. The building is of brick, and the foundations were only begun six weeks ago. The contractors are confident that the company will be able to make cheese this month, as originally estimated.

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