

all being local architects. The council is prepared to spend some £2,000 on the buildings enumerated, but the work has yet to be finally sanctioned by the council.

WELLINGTON.

The directors of the Wellington Meat Export Company have decided to proceed with the erection of the new freezing works at Kakariki, Marton. The original plan has been modified to some extent, with the object of completing the works in time for the 1917 season. Extensions may be made later as they are required. Some preliminary work in connection with the original scheme has already been done.

Tenders have been called by Mr. Claude Jones, Architect, for a new branch bank building in Cuba Street, Wellington, for the National Bank. The new office will be of three stories, and will be constructed of reinforced concrete and brick. The banking chambers will be situated over the ground floor, and will be lighted by a glazed octagonal dome, whilst the counters and screens will be of rosewood. The building will have a frontage to Vivian street of seventy feet, and to Cuba street of fifty feet.

One of the largest Meat Freezing Works in New Zealand is now being erected on the Wanganui River to designs of Messrs Panton & Sons, Architects, Timaru. The company is to be known as the Inlay Freezing Works of the New Zealand Refrigerating Co., formerly the Christchurch Meat Co., and the works are reported to be one of the most complete yet erected in the Dominion. The block of buildings covers 7½ acres of land, in addition to which there is a considerable space for paddocks and stock, etc. The works are built of brick, concrete and steel, and the roofs of the buildings are covered with "Pouite" Asbestos Tiles, the whole being as nearly fire-proof as possible.

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