

For the new school of architecture to be shortly established in Auckland, Mr. T. N. Bamford, A.R.I.B.A., has been appointed director and lecturer on the art side, and Mr. A. Hunter, M.Inst.C.E., M.E., will be lecturer on the mechanical side. The Institute of Architects nominated both these gentlemen.

The New Zealand Insurance Coy.'s new building is now in occupation on the lower floors by the company for its own business, though there is a great deal of work yet to be done before the upper floors are ready. The front of the building is only completed up to the second floor, Nelson marble being the stone used for the facing.

A block of freehold with buildings at the corner of Queen Street and Vulcan Lane with a frontage of 66 ft. to Queen Street and 85 ft. to Vulcan Lane was sold last month for £42,500, which shows that land in Queen Street is still maintaining its value.

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A new Congregational Church being erected in Cambridge Terrace will be completed this month. It is being built to replace the old Congregational Church in Courtenay Place, which was demolished some months ago. The exterior is of red brick, roofed with asbestos tiling. The probable seating capacity of the church, including the gallery, will be in the vicinity of 400, whilst the separate schoolrooms are planned to accommodate about 250. The interior will have a white carrara ceiling, and white plaster walls. The lighting will also be a special feature, arrangements having been made for semi-indirect electric lights to be fitted, which shed a soft glow instead of the usual rather trying light given by ordinary globes. Adequate provision for the proper heating of the church has also been made. The glazing will consist of cathedral glass. Mr. W. Fielding, F.N.Z.I.A., is the architect, and Messrs Davison and Roberts the contractors.

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