

Ground Floor Plan and First Floor Plan of House for Mr. Longuet, of Epsom, Auckland ullustrated on opposite page).

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## Auckland's New Market Buildings

The scheme for Market buildings now being carried out by the Auckland City Council comprises buildings Nos. 1 and 2, a third building having been planned, but its erection has been postponed until the close of the war.

A tenant has been secured for No. 1 building, which has been erected to his requirements: and for No. 2 building various tenants have been secured, so that from the outset the City Council are covered on the financial side. More detailed particulars of buildings No. 1 and 2 are as follows, but it may be noted that No. 3 building will, when erected, cover a ground space of 20,525 super feet:—

No. 1 building has a frontage of 113ft. 7in. to Customs Street extension, by a depth of 127ft. 2in., and has a total floor area of 38,625 super feet. The construction of the building is entirely of reinforced concrete, piers, beams, floors, staircases, etc., with cavity brick curtain walls to fill in externally, all on pile foundation.

The main building comprises three stories and a basement. It has one cart dock at front, and two at back of building, with shoots running from top floor right through to each eart dock. There is also a large electric goods lift and a sack lift, and a weighing machine on ground floor.

There is a large and up-to-date suite of offices on the ground floor, comprising six large private offices, and a general office 37ft, x 22ft., all thoroughly well lighted, the dividing screens being of obscure glass to height of door heads, above which is clear glass. Generally the offices and fittings, counter, panellings, skirtings, 'phone box, etc., are beautifully finjshed in heart of rimu.

There is a Fruit store (single storey) 125ft, x 45ft, specially designed for the storage of fruit, each one being enclosed only with ornamental wrought iron grids and gates, in lieu of doors and windows, so as to ensure a current of fresh air continually from end to end of the fruit store. There is a lunch-room, with a sunny aspect, on the first floor, also the usual separate lavatory and cloak room accommodation for women and men, and the building is lit throughout with electric light. There are over 80 large three-light windows to this building.

No. 2 building has a frontage to Nelson Street of 460ft, by a depth of 129ft,, and is divided into eight separate premises. It has a total floor space of 120,000 super feet (making a total of 158,625 super feet of floor space for the two buildings.) The building is constructed generally of reinforced concrete piers, beams, staircases, etc., with cavity brick curtain walls externally, as for No. 1 building, but the