

CANTERBURY.

Messrs. Collins and Harnum called for tenders for additions to Nurses' Home, Christchurch Hospital, during the month.

The Education Board called for tenders for addition in brick to Beckenham School.

Messrs. Huet Senger and McLeod are calling for tenders for the erection of a wooden Anglican Church at Quivenden, and Mr. Loyell Smith called for tenders for a residence in Collingwood St., New Brighton.

The Ashburton Hospital trustees have written to the South Canterbury Board agreeing to the sale of the Sanatorium land which the two bodies named bought conjointly near Fairlie. The land is to be sold, as there is no prospect of building on it as originally intended.

DUNEDIN.

Building matters in Dunedin are reported to be much better than last month. A tender amounting to £3,500 has been accepted by the Public Works Department from Mr. J. A. McKinnon for alterations to the old Police Station to provide accommodation for certain Government departments now housed elsewhere, and tenders have been called for the erection of additional storage accommodation at the Bayside Freezing Works, the estimated cost being over £10,000, for which work Mr. Panton, of Timaru, is the architect. Tenders have also been called for a coal store at Victoria Wharf costing £1,000, for which work Mr. Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., is architect. Mr. Aspinall is architect for a new house for Mr. W. Telford at Waiwera, which will cost about £5,000. There is also a proposal to add an assembly room to the Technical School, though builders have a doubt whether this work will be gone on with immediately, and minor alterations at the Dunedin Hospital and other small work about the town should shortly be put in hand. There is also the building of the new hospital at Wakari, the plans for which were sent to Wellington for approval some time ago. Carpenters are fairly plentiful, but there is a distinct shortage of bricklayers. A number of bricklayers are at present employed on the alterations at the Balaclava Freezing Works.

Messrs. Salmon and Vane, A.R.I.B.A., have in hand the McGlashan College (Presbyterian Boys' School), and Mr. Manderson the Bank of New Zealand at Mosgiel, as well as the additions to the Technical School, Dunedin.

The annual meeting of the Otago branch of the N.Z. Institute of Architects was held last month, the following having been elected officers:—Mr. Basil Hooper, A.R.I.B.A., President; Mr. Panton, Vice-President; Mr. Manderson, Secretary; and Messrs. Wiles, Salmon, Wadden and McFie (Associate Members, Committee).

A contract has been let by the Board of Governors of Columbia College to Messrs. Fletcher Bros. for extensive additions to Columbia College. Messrs. Mason and Wales are the architects. The additions comprise a three-storey block, with outbuildings. The ground floor will contain a suite of music rooms, and also a dining hall to seat over 100 persons. The first floor will have a suite of rooms for hospital purposes. This will be capable of being isolated in case of necessity at a moment's notice. The bedrooms will be arranged for one, or two, or three boarders each. It is expected that the building will be finished about the end of April next. The front and side elevations will be built, as is the rest of the house, of bluestone, faced with white Oamaru stone. When completed the house will afford accommodation for 80 boarders. The contract price is £9,620.

WELLINGTON.

"Our building scheme for the present year is a fairly extensive one," said the Managing Director of the W.F.C.A. at the annual meeting of the Coy., "as we have let a contract for a warehouse at the corner of Waring-Taylor and Featherston streets, and another contract for a wool store at Thorndon Quay, both in Wellington. The warehouse is being built on a section we are leasing from the City Corporation on a 50 years' lease. In addition to these contracts, we made during the past year large additions to our brick store, Masterton, and purchased a brick building in Dannevirke containing offices for the stock department and United Farmers' branch."

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