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Messrs. May and Moran called for tenders for extensions in brick to Messrs. J. J. Craig's Exhibition at King's wharf.

Messrs. Ed. Mahoney and Son called for tenders for additions to house in Victoria Avenue.

The Auckland Education Board, through its architect Mr. Jno. Farrell, called for tenders for the erection in brick of a school building at Otahuhu last month.

The foundation stone of the new fertilizer works at Te Papapa was laid last month. When completed, it is claimed the works will be the largest superphosphate and sulphuric acid works in the Southern Hemisphere, and their capacity will be over 60,000 tons a year. It is estimated they will cost approximately £250,000. The works are now in process of erection, the power-house being practically completed, while considerable progress has been made with portion of the main buildings. The works are situated to the left of the railway line, a few hundred yards from the railway station, from which railway access is being made to the works.

Plans for the Red Cross workroom, to be erected at the hospital annexe in the Domain, have been approved. The work is to be proceeded with at once under the Board's architect, Mr. Allsop. The workroom will be an addition to the annexe on the east corner, and will contain over 2,000 square feet of floor space. The new workroom will be fitted up to enable wood-carving, timber-working, and anything which may engage the activities of the soldier patients, to be carried out.

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The contractor for the erection of the new convent of St. Mary's, Colombo street, has started work on the foundations. The new structure is to be erected on the lawn area at the rear of the existing building, which will be removed when the new one is completed. The contractor for the building is Mr. B. Moore, and the contract price (exclusive of the heating and lighting of the premises) is £9,287. Mr. J. S. Guthrie is the architect.

The new wing of the Technical College was opened early this month. It is a two-storeyed brick edifice, with an entrance from Moorhouse avenue. Downstairs it contains an engineering drawing room, and public service class room, and upstairs an agricultural classroom, an art room, an altered physics laboratory, and a common room for the staff, which was the old balance room. Separate from these buildings is a new cloak room and lavatory for the girls, in connection with the domestic science classes.

The laying of the foundation stone to the new building at St. Albans school took place on the 25th of last month. Three new rooms (very badly wanted) are to be added in brick. This building, would form the first quarter of what was intended to be a complete school. The amount of the contract for the present three rooms, without furniture, was £2,153.

The Board of Governors of Canterbury College have taken the step of purchasing a substantial block of land with which to meet the further increases in the roll of the Boy's High School which must inevitably come in the near future and at a recent meeting it was announced that a block of land comprising 26½ acres had been purchased from Mr. Deans, Riccarton, as a playing area and future site for the Boys' High School. The land has a frontage to Straveren road and to other roads at present unformed. The Avon flows through one corner of the block. The purchase price was £11,100. It is not proposed to build for some considerable time. The ground will be used as a playing ground in the meantime.

Tenders were called for additions and alterations to the Marble Bar by Messrs. England Bros.

Mr. Roy Lovell-Smith called for tenders for a residence on Casimere Hills.

The south-eastern side of Cathedral Square is to have a new building for the use of the Tramway Board, the top floor of which the Harbour Board propose to lease.

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