

architect had been instructed to draw plans, and an application would be made to the Department for a grant towards the cost of the work.

The Opawa School Committee are about to interview the Minister of Education with reference to a new school building promised some time ago.

The Board of Governors of Rangiora High School have decided to erect a new up-to-date hutment for additional accommodation for the scholars.

Sixteen permits for buildings representing a value of £17,150, were granted by the City Surveyor last month. Five were for the central ward, representing a value of £10,800, ten for the St. Albans, representing £6,000, and one for the Sydenham, representing £350.

Mr. F. W. Armstrong, of 153 Hereford street, is calling for tenders for electrical installation for the Royal Exchange.

Tenders were invited early this month for alterations and additions to a house at Houn Bay by Mr. J. S. Guthrie.

Messrs. England Bros. invited tenders for the erection of a Catholic High School at Upper Riccarton.

The Public Works are calling for tenders for the erection of a new Post Office at Papanui up to July 29th.

A piece of land in Gloucester street, next to the Masonic Hall, has been purchased by the Returned Soldiers' Association as a site for new club rooms. The new building will be of handsome design, and will contain an office, billiard room, lounge, reading-room, writing-room, card-room, library, etc., and a memorial hall. The present club rooms have been found much too small and quite inadequate for their purpose, and the new building should prove as comfortable as those of its kind in the other centres. There is at present a boardinghouse on the new site, but this will be pulled down, and it is hoped that the Association will be housed in its new rooms early in the spring.

In our notes last month a reference was made to some recent tendering for workers' dwellings in Kilbirnie, Wellington. We stated that "After Cabinet had authorised the expenditure, a contractor whose tender had been approved, asked for an increase of about £60 on each house over the amount that he had quoted in March last (about a 10 per cent. increase). He stated that this request was due wholly to the rise in cost of materials, and that his profit would be the same as it would have been on the original basis, if

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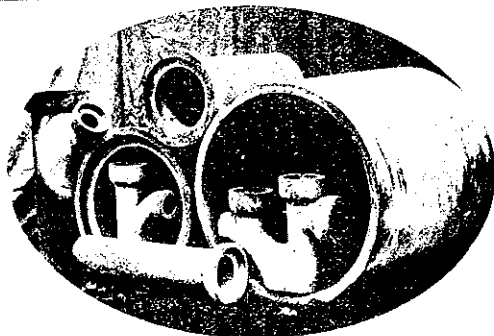
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