

hall to some useful purpose. Last week a meeting was held, and the original Hall Committee became merged into the North-East Harbour Improvement Society. Mr. W. Rowlands was elected chairman, and 25 members were enrolled at an annual fee of 2/6. A commencement will be made this week with the erection of the hall.

A Press Association telegram states that the executive of the Wellington Red Cross received a letter from the Governor-General on Thursday night in regard to the suggestion by Surgeon-General Henderson that the Red Cross should consider the question of erecting work-shops for orthopaedic treatment. One is to be started at the Consumptive Sanatorium at Hatma, and it is proposed to establish functional work-shops at Wanganni Convalescent Home, the Christchurch Surgical Hospital, the Masterton Hospital, the Dunedin Convalescent Home at Montecillo, Invercargill, and the extension at Hanner.

The contract for additions to the Otago Dairy Producers' Cool Storage Co's present building, adjacent to the Victoria Wharf was secured by Mr. J. A. McKinnon whose price was £3,453 12 6. Twelve tenders were received for the work. Mr. Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., architect, states that the new store will be brought out from the present building on the town side, and that it will be 132 ft. long and 55 ft. wide. It will be constructed on the same lines as the other store. The old store held roughly, about 16,000 crates, but as the new one will be a little higher it is estimated that it will have a capacity of about 19,200 crates. A start will be made immediately on the building, and it is expected to be completed by the middle of December.

Mr. J. A. McKinnon's tender of £3,453 12 0 has been accepted for an addition to the Otago Dairy Producers' Cool Storage Coy's Cheese store at Dunedin, Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., architect.

Messrs. Fletcher Bros. tender of £1,088 has been accepted for a building for the Waitaki Dairy Coy. at Station St. Dunedin. Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., architect.

Mr. J. L. Hamilton's tender has been accepted for a new shop front and verandah at No. 43 George St., Dunedin, Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., architect.

Messrs. Fletcher Bros.' tender of over £2,200 has been accepted for a new building at No. 39 George St., Dunedin, to be occupied by George Ritchie & Co. Leslie D. Coombs, A.R.I.B.A., architect.

Messrs. Mason & Wales, Salmon & Vane, E. W. Walden, and Leslie D. Coombs, architects, have been invited to submit designs for a memorial to Otago Old Boys who have fallen in the war.

HAMILTON

Messrs. Warren & Blechynden called for tenders last month for the erection of an Infectious Diseases Ward at Hamilton.

TIMARU

Last month a new building was completed, the St. Saviour's Orphanage for boys on Morgan's Road. It is now proposed that the building should be leased to the Government for five years.

WELLINGTON

The much discussed question of a Technical School site was settled last month by the Government granting a site in Mount Cook area. Mr. Hanan said that the dedication was conditional on the granting of £11,000 by the Wellington City Council towards the cost of the buildings; the council had already promised £10,000 of that sum. The question of providing money for the building had yet to be discussed by him with the Minister of Finance. Mr. Hanan made the point clear that Cabinet so far had been concerned with only the question of a site. The Minister mentioned that the site would not have much ground suitable for recreation, but it was considered that the adjacent Basin Reserve would meet that need. Some levelling would be required. Help in this work had been promised by the Justice Department in 1916.

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