

There is a probability, it is understood, that the military authorities will erect a temporary sanatorium for South Island soldiers suffering from lung troubles, on a site just above the present sanatorium on Cashmere Hills.

Authority has been given for the erection at the Christchurch Hospital of a temporary building to provide additional accommodation for one hundred beds for the Military Orthopaedic Unit at that institution. The work is to be put in hand as soon as possible.

OTAGO.

Mr. L. F. Evans, Secretary of the Otago Carpenters' Union, states that, despite the high cost of material, there is at the present time more building going on in Otago than in the corresponding period of 1914, and that the demand for carpenters is considerably greater than the supply. Bricklayers, painters, plumbers and builders' labourers are also fully employed. The increase in building is most noticeable in the country, but the activity is practically confined to building new business premises or extending those already erected. Little work is being done in Otago in constructing new residential buildings.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

An appeal for workmen to build another annexe at the hospital at Palmerston North received a quick response. Between thirty and forty carpenters and volunteer workers attended the institution on Saturday morning. In a very short time the floor was laid down, and the walls were in course of erection. By 3.30 p.m. the work was finished and beds and patients installed.

ROTORUA.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the erection of the extensions to the King George V. Military Hospital at Rotorua. The new wards facing the north are finished, and the officers' quarters on the same side are nearly completed. The quarters for orderlies, on the western side, are finished and occupied. The new workshops are in course of erection, and when they are ready the building now used as a workshop will be used as orderlies' quarters.

Tenders were called last month for the erection of a new ward for the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

SOUTHBIDGE.

Tenders are invited for additions and alterations to Southbridge D.H. School for the Canterbury Education Board.

TE PUKE.

Tenders were invited by Mr. H. H. Clemson, of Tauranga, for the erection of a house at Te Puke.

WELLINGTON.

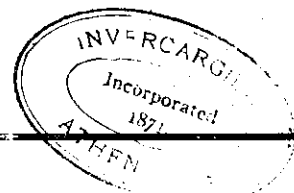
In view of the pressing need for new school buildings, &c., a sum of £300,000 has been put upon the estimates for expenditure during the coming financial year.

One of the votes approved by Cabinet for education purposes was for the erection of a technical school. The amount of the grant is not announced, but, with the subsidy of £15,000 promised by the City Council, it will suffice to provide proper accommodation for the technical school in Wellington. The building will be erected upon the site already agreed upon at Mount Cook. The land will have to be levelled, plans will have to be prepared and approved, and there may be some delay in getting through these preliminaries, but the preparatory tasks may now be considered as over.

Engineering Tenders.

The Waikato County Council is calling for tenders for: (a) The supply of material and erection of Shanks' bridge, Maramara, and Procter's bridge, Mangawhaia; (b) erection only.

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