

trance is supported by five Gothic arches with columns and capitals. On the ground floor is the entrance lobby on each side of which is a parlour. From the main corridor two flights of stairs lead to the first floor. On the ground floor, on the left side of the corridor, is the science room, behind which is the commercial room off which is the children's dining room; on the right side of the corridor is the infirmary, bath-room, and lavatory accommodation, behind which is the community room, a large kitchen, scullery and pantry, and refectory. On the first floor there are 36 bedrooms, three bathrooms, two large rooms, and lavatory accommodation. From the upstairs corridor a stair leads to the flat roof. The architect for the new building was Mr J. S. Guthrie, and the contractors were Messrs B. Moore and Son. It is estimated that the main building will cost about £11,000.

Arrangements for the installation of the automatic telephone system in Christchurch are well in hand. For a considerable time now the foundations have been down in Herford street for the building, on the top storey of which the Christchurch Automatic Exchange will be located, the two ground floors being occupied by Post Office departments. This building is to be proceeded with straight away, and when it is completed the apparatus in the original Colonial Bank premises will be shifted to a suburban exchange.

The new technical buildings in connection with the Southbridge District High School are nearing completion. Provision is being made for instruction in woodwork, science, agriculture, agricultural botany, agricultural chemistry, dairy science, domestic science, and handy work.

The foundation stone of the Upper Riccarton Memorial was laid recently. The building, which is on a site in Riccarton road, facing Hanson's lane, will be of brick, and will take the place of the old library in Hanson's lane. In one of the rooms will be placed a marble slab chronicling the names of the Riccarton lads who served in the war.

The foundation stone of the new offices for the Christchurch Tramway Board, situated in the south-eastern corner of Cathedral square, was laid early this month by the Hon. John Barr, M.L.C., the chairman of the Board. The section was purchased for £60,000; the first estimate for the building was £18,722, subsequently increased by £600 owing to the necessity of putting in deeper and more secure foundations; when completed the total cost would be £19,000, or probably £20,000. The building for the Board's new offices had been designed by one of the Board's staff, Mr H. T. W. McLennan. New Zealand stone was to be used—the ground floor in Tinaru stone (of which the foundation stone was an excellent example), and the first and second storeys of Oamaru stone of approved quality. The foundations are strong enough to carry another storey should it be required in the future. The top storey of the building to be erected at present would be let to the Lyttelton Harbour Board for its offices.

Mr W. S. Anderson invited tenders for the erection of bungalow, Barrington street. The Canterbury Education Board invited fresh tenders for the erection of additions, in brick, to the Somerfield school. Mr Roy Lovell-Smith is inviting tenders for the erection of additions to residence at Kidson terrace, Cashmere Hills; and also for the erection of residence in brick at Monck's Bay, Redcliffs. Messrs Maddison and Brown invite tenders for garage in brick in Durham street. Mr J. S. Guthrie invites tenders for residence at Staveley; also for motor workshop (in brick), Tuam street. Mr J. F. Munnings called for tenders for a residence in wood, Merivale lane. Mr J. S. Guthrie called for tenders for residence, Papamoa road. Messrs Turnbull and Rule, of Timaru, invited tenders for the erection of a two-storey brick residence at Bingley, North Canterbury.

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The City Council recently agreed to a proposal to raise a loan of £27,000 for the erection of workers' dwellings.

A jaw hospital, for facially deformed soldiers, is practically assured for Dunedin. The Hospital Board has made the Government a definite offer, and the Red Cross Society stands behind the Board. It is believed that nothing further is required but formal approval by the Minister of the site chosen.

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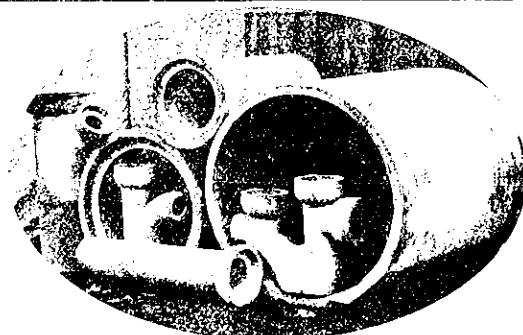
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