

completed the bank will occupy the ground floor, and the whole of the basement right through.

Mr. Daniel B. Patterson called for tenders for students' block and warden's house for St. John's College, Tamaki.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A new wing to the Sydenham school was opened early last month consisting of four classrooms, master's room, library, or museum, with ample corridor space. This section of the building, which will accommodate about 220 children, forms practically a quarter of the new school as it will be when finished. The completed school will contain sixteen class rooms with master's room, library, medical inspector's room, teachers' common room, kitchenette, and two staircases with extensive corridor space. This does not include the present cookery and woodwork rooms which adjoin the new school. The future additions will be added to the southern end of the present building, and with this end in view this part of the building has been finished temporarily with galvanised iron. The ground in front of the building will be asphalted up to the street, where a low red stone rubble wall will be erected. The new school is heated with steam pipes, installed by the Challenge heating system under the supervision of Mr. Ponninghouse. The tests of the heating apparatus have proved satisfactory, and it is expected that the rooms will be heated comfortably at a moderate expenditure on fuel. The school is well lighted and ventilated, and is considered to be the most up-to-date erected in the Canterbury district. Proper provision has been made for fire escapes, but as the walls are all brick, and the only fire is in the boiler-room, which is of concrete, there should be little risk of the building catching fire. The contractor for the section of the building just completed was Mr. H. Hinkey, the contract price being £3369, without furniture. This does not include the heating, which cost £320. The building was designed by the Board's architect, Mr. G. Penlington, and erected under his supervision, and that of the Board's foreman, Mr. B. Riley.

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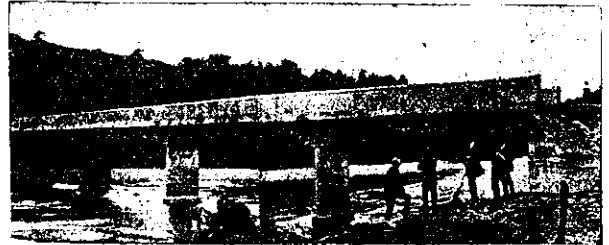
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