have been made to re-build and a considerable sum of money is already in sight.

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Co-operative contracts are being tried on some of the municipal dwellings now being erected at Northland. Councillor Fraser asked at the City Council at a recent meeting if the Housing Committee was satisfied with the work of the co-operative contractors. He had been informed that men were being employed on wages, and he wanted to know if the system was a success or a failure. The question was not answered.

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