

War Memorials.

A Dunedin Citizens' Committee, presided over by His Worship the Mayor, invites architects in New Zealand and Australia to submit designs for the erection in Dunedin of a suitable memorial to fittingly symbolise the deeds and sacrifices of our soldiers in the Great War.

Copies of the conditions of the competition (for which prizes of £200 for the selected design and £50 for that placed second are offered) can be obtained upon application to the Town Clerk, Dunedin.

A charge of £1 will be made for each copy of the conditions, but the fee will be returned upon receipt of a design in the competition.

Designs must reach Dunedin not later than March 31st, 1921.

The selection of a site for the National War Memorial is awaiting the presence in Wellington of the full Cabinet. As soon as Ministers can be got together the matter will be considered. It is probable that a decision will be made quickly. When the site is chosen it will yet be some time before the work can be put in hand. Designs will require to be obtained. It is practically certain that they will be invited both outside and within New Zealand.

A meeting called for the purpose of discussing a suitable war memorial for Hamilton was held at the Council Chambers recently. Mr. Northcroft moved that from the money collected the sum of £2,000 at least be devoted to a memorial before any expenditure be made upon the improvement of Kowhai Park. This was seconded by the chairman. Mr. Northcroft said they had to go to the public and tell them whether they were going to erect a stone memorial to the soldiers or whether they were going to beautify the park.

Mr. Worsley said that at a previous meeting he had moved a resolution that the two schemes should be combined. It was a pity that the Memorial Park and the Cenotaph Committees should be antagonistic to one another. He asked that if all the money were spent on the cenotaph, where was the park coming in?

The chairman said that at least the sum of £2,000 would have to be devoted to a memorial. They would collect much more than that. Mr. Northcroft's motion was carried.

Obituary.

Mr. F. W. Butcher, New Zealand agent for Messrs. Pilkington Bros., Ltd., glass manufacturers, of St. Helen's, England, has received cable advice of the death of Mr. Arthur R. Pilkington at his residence, Windle Grange, St. Helen's, on January 19th. Mr. Arthur Pilkington was Chairman of Directors of the well-known firm of glass makers, whose products are widely used throughout this Dominion.

New Public Trust Building for Christchurch.

Plans have been prepared for the erection of a new building for the Public Trust Office, Christchurch, whose business has assumed such proportions lately that the present office in Gloucester Street has become inadequate. The Minister of Public Works, the Hon. J. G. Coates, stated that he had seen the plans, which provided for a building which would be the best of its kind yet erected in the Dominion. The edifice would be four stories in height, and would be constructed of Southland stone with red stone on the top. The offices would be on the island system, with a passage right round the building, enabling the public easily to find any particular office they wanted. Provision would also be made for the clerks in the main office to be in view of an official all the time. The building would be erected on the latest system, particular attention being paid to lighting and ventilation. The cost would probably be from £60,000 to £70,000. A site for the proposed building has been purchased in Oxford Terrace, adjoining the Clarendon Hotel and facing the Avon.

New Buildings for Wellington.

Messrs. Fletcher Bros. have signed a contract for the erection of the new physics wing at the Victoria College, the price being in the vicinity of £26,000. A contract at £23,000 for the erection of a new warehouse in Egmont Street, for Young's Chemical Company, has also been let to the same firm. The architects in both instances are Messrs. Swan, Lawrence, Swan and Hamilton.

Our 69th. Competition.

Four designs were sent in for this competition, as follows:—"Snowy," by Stuart Hedley (with Mr. L. S. Piper, of Auckland); "Last in," by G. F. Wilson (with Messrs. Hoggard and Prouse and W. H. Gunner, A.R.I.B.A., of Auckland); "Roma," by R. Hall (Government Architect's Office, Wellington); "Leadlight," by George Drummond (with Mr. D. G. Mowat, of Dunedin). The judge, Mr. Stanley W. Fearn, of Wellington, reports as follows:—

"LAST IN."

Sincerely hoping that I shall not hurt the feelings of the other competitors, only wishing to give credit where credit is due, I must say that this design, in every way, is far ahead of the remainder and shows the results of good training.

Plan.—The planning is excellent and shows that element of "scheming" which is essential to good planning. The position of the lounge rooms and verandah overlooking the first tee is correct, also the dressing rooms adjoining secondary entrances; 52ft. x 12ft. is perhaps an awkward size for the lounge.