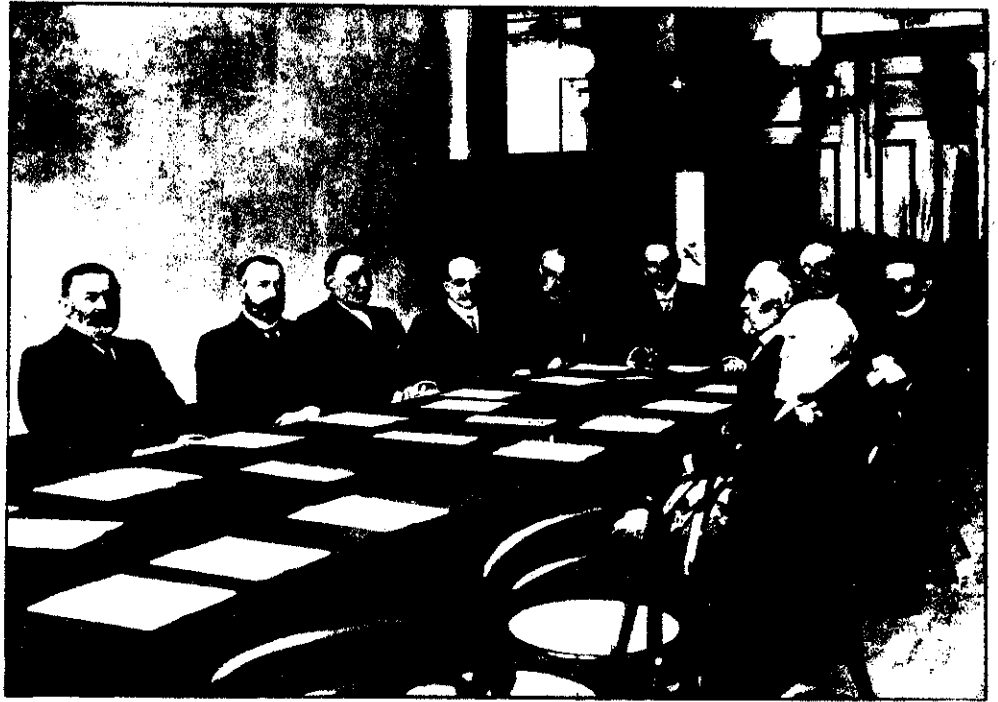


Auckland Chamber of Commerce.

THE NEW BUILDING.

For years the Auckland Chamber of Commerce, a body numbering over two hundred members, has been content to meet "in divers places" the Council in the secretary's room at the Victoria Arcade, and the whole Chamber where they could find room. This want of a local habitation must have handicapped the work of the institution. Now all that is changed, and the chamber has a fine building of its own with plenty of room for all its requirements, present and future. The Chamber was enabled to become a landed proprietor through the foresight of Mr Barf. Kent, the president, who organised the Industrial and Mining Exhibition of 1898-9, from which there accrued a handsome surplus of £2000, duly paid into the banking account of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce after a lawsuit and much talk by some other section of the public, which wanted a technical school, but didn't get it. The building is situated half-way up Swanson-street. On the ground floor are the public office, a room for Mr Ix Goulstone, the Chamber's efficient secretary, and a commodious room where the Council can meet. The whole of the second floor is thrown into one large room—"The Chamber"—which will accommodate all the members and some friends as well. Mr Arnold, the architect, must be congratulated upon the manner in which he has used up the space at his disposal. No room has been wasted, and the general appearance of the building, both interior and exterior, fully justifies the Chamber in awarding the first prize for a design to Mr Arnold, who, by the way, also carried off the prize in the competition for designs for the Exhibition, whence the funds for the Chamber were derived. The builder (Mr W. Moody) carried out his work faithfully and well.



THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN THE NEW ROOMS.

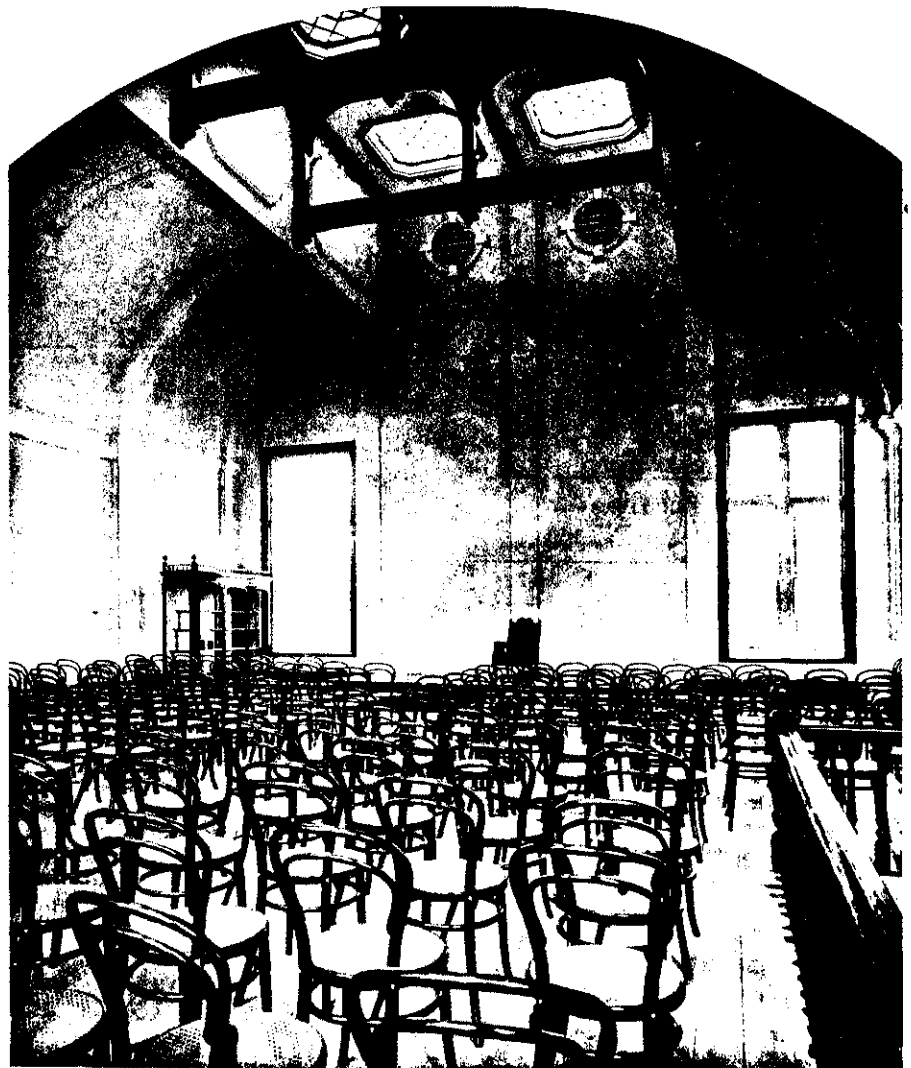
J. H. Upton, George Fowlds, M.H.R., W. B. Leyland, A. H. Nathan, H. Goulstone (Secretary), Bartholomew Kent (President).
Right hand side of the table: S. Valle, M. Clarke, W. J. Philson, A. B. Robertson.



Harold Shaw, photo.
MR H. MCGOWAN.



Standish & Preece, photo.
MISS BLOW.
A Fashionable Wellington Wedding



Walrond, "Graphic" photo.

THE GREAT HALL.

The Auckland Chamber of Commerce's New Building, Swanson Street.