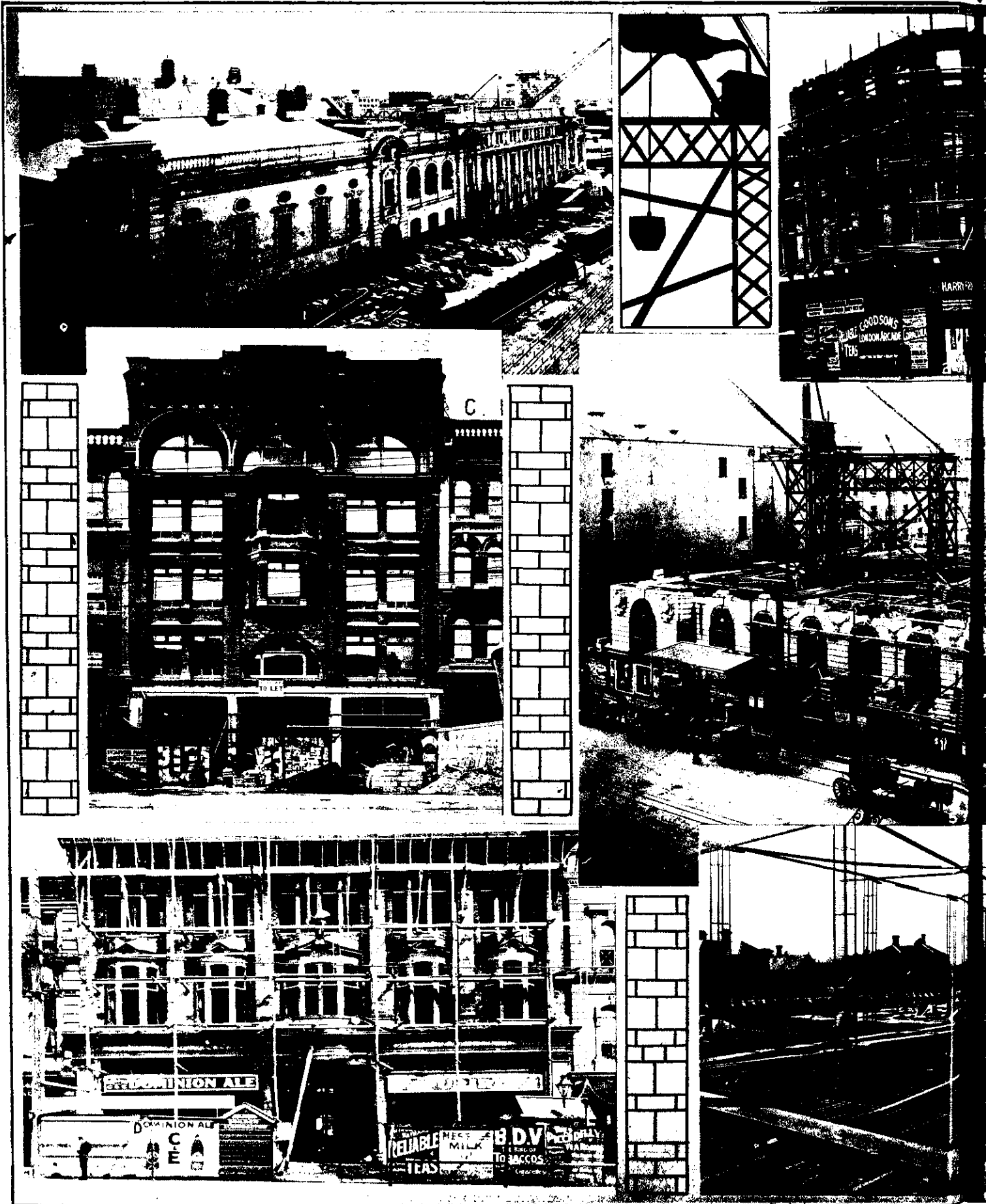


# The Coming of the Metropolitan Era—Auckland



## THE STRENUOUS GROWTH OF BIG BUILDINGS IN THE HEART OF AUCKLAND

The marked activity of the building trade in Auckland continues to be more and more in evidence. Besides the large blocks shown in our illustrations, which are springing up in the city, see the course of erection. (2) Enlarging the South British Insurance Company's buildings at the corner of Shortland and Queen streets. (3) The new ferry buildings, which the Auckland Harbour Board is building the Strand Arcade, which was destroyed by fire last year. (4) The new Technical School in Wellesley-street East, showing the method of preparing the