

At a meeting held in Hawera recently over £100 was collected towards establishing a technical school.

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A large new building has been added to the Wanganui Freezing Company's works at Castlecliff for meat preserving purposes.

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Additions are about to be made to the Auckland Hospital which will include extending the Costley Ward, and erecting a new laundry

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The Wellington Education Board has received a grant of £120 for the purpose of enlarging the school residence at Makuri (Wairarapa)

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A bungalow residence is being erected at Clifton, Sumner, for Mr. J. Morrison Architects Clarkson & Ballantyne; contractor A. H. Webb

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Mr. A. R. Willis, the well-known contractor in the Wairarapa district, was the successful tenderer for 2 large woolshed, to be erected on the property of Messrs. Buchanan Bros., at Tupurupuru.

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The Education Department has approved of the plans for the second section of the Auckland Technical College. Mr. Mitchell has left for America to inquire into the matter of ferro concrete buildings.

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Plans are being prepared for a further addition to Messrs. Dalgety & Co's. stores at Napier. The additions will have a depth of 150ft. by a frontage to West quay of 79ft., and will have a saw tooth roof.

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Mr. John S. Swan has received instructions to proceed with the erection of a large Skating Rink and Concert Hall; Grand Stand to seat 2,600 people; and Tea Kiosk buildings for the Miramar Athletic Park and Wonderland Co. Tenders will be called at an early date.

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In Auckland steel ceilings are in active demand the material for this work is imported in ever-increasing quantities. Steel joists are also the subject of inquiry for the building trade, which is at the present time very brisk, and stocks at present are light.

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The contract for the erection for a Private Hotel at the corner of Victoria-st. and Cambridge-terrace, Wellington, has been received by Messrs Campbell & Bruce. The building will contain about 90 rooms together with conveniences, and there will be seven shops upon the ground floor for letting purposes. The roof will be formed of reinforced concrete so that it may be used as a promenade. Mr. John S. Swan, Architect.

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The new hospital for Gisborne is now completed, and will be a great convenience for the East Coast residents. The building is up-to-date in every respect and is situated close to the Te Pui Hot Springs, overlooking the sea. The building, which cost £5,000, is constructed of timber, stone, and cement, and is lined throughout with self-coloured sanitary plastering. The wards—four in number—are well fitted up with the latest conveniences.

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The making of glass bricks for building as well as for paving, has become a recognised European industry. The Germans have carried the invention further than anybody else. In Hamburg glass walls are erected where light is needed, yet, where by police regulations, walls must be both windowless and fire proof. Three firms make such bricks in Eastern Germany. These bricks are translucent, admitting light, but permitting no view of the interior.

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Ohakune bids fair to become a prosperous town when the timber industry is established. Already the township is growing rapidly, and new buildings are commenced every week, carpenters being particularly busy. Quite a little commotion was caused when it became known that those who had erected their business places on the main road, on the river bank, were given notice by the Public Works Department to remove same at once. Amongst the buildings to be removed are a store, a bakehouse, and a fruit-shop.

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A new factory is about to be erected in York street for Mr. J. W. Thompson, and will be used by Messrs. Alcock and Co., for the manufacture of billiard tables. The building will have a frontage to the street of 39ft., with a depth of 50ft., and will be of two floors. The ground floor is to be used as a machine room 30ft. by 24ft., a slating room 36ft. x 24ft. and a timber rack 25ft. x 7ft. The first floor is to be utilised as a work-room and will be 49ft. x 36ft. The structure is to be finished on the outside with pressed bricks and cement facings. Mr. J. Bennie is the architect

The new building erected for the "Taranaki Herald," and "Budget," in Currie street, New Plymouth, has two floors, with a frontage to the street of 36ft and a depth of about 70ft. The front of the structure is broken by eight single windows, the entrance being at the side.

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The Hokitika Harbour Board timber reserves, estimated at 28,300 acres, were sold lately by public tender, Messrs. Butler Bros., of Naumai, Auckland being the successful tenderers at £28,300. It is the intention of the purchasers to take prompt steps to utilise the splendid standing timber, which is adjacent to the Ross Railway line, and so carry on an extensive export trade

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Messrs Russell and Bignell, of Wanganui, who are the contractors for the erection of the Waikato Hospital, at Hamilton, have the work well on the way. This hospital is to be built on the most modern lines, with special attention to sanitary requirements and ventilation. The whole building will be of brick, with cement facings while the internal work is to be finished with Keen's cement. The operating room will be a special feature and is to be fitted up on the most modern lines. The contractors expect to have the work completed in about twelve months' time. The contract price is £16,000.

### White Pine for England.

The Ayreshire, leaving for England about the end of last month, took a shipment of 20,000 superficial feet of New Zealand white pine from the West Coast of the South Island. This is the first consignment of a purchase of 120,000ft. which has been made by Mr. Duncan Stelfox on behalf of his company which has its headquarters at Manchester. Hitherto this timber has not reached the English market in any appreciable quantities, but the company hopes that by thoroughly seasoning the wood before shipping it, they may be able to overcome the difficulties of carrying it in good condition. When once this is demonstrated, the firm hopes to inaugurate a very large business in exporting white pine to England, where it is in great request for packing purposes.



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