

**St. George's Buildings, Brandon Street, Wellington.**

These buildings are in a site 60 ft x 80 ft, and are four stories high, the respective heights from ground floor upwards being 13 ft., 12 ft., 11 ft., and 10 ft., The ground and first floor offices are subdivided into numerous offices, and the two upper floors undivided. The staircase is wide, and of easy grade, and in addition there is a combined goods and passenger electric elevator, which was installed by the Standard Elevator Co., of Sydney. A wide cart dock has been provided at one side of the building at the floor of lift. The whole of the rooms are well lighted, three light wells being provided at sides and back for this purpose, Three sanitary appliances are all

**A Remarkable Hotel.**

The distinction of the new Piccadilly Hotel, which was opened in May last, lies in its fine architecture. But from the point of view of mere size it is a remarkable building. There are over 700 bedrooms, and the following figures give some idea of the magnitude of the work of construction: 6,500,000 bricks have been used; 60,000 cubic yards of earth were excavated for the foundations, which are 40ft. deep. There were also used 104,000 cubic feet of Portland stone, 4,200 tons of Portland cement, 11,000 yards of wall tiling, 7,000 tons of iron and steel work, 8,700 yards of asphalt



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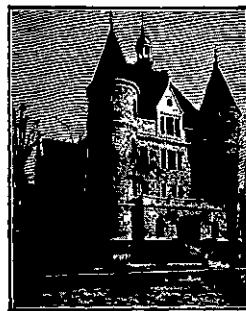
grouped at the back on each floor, and are thoroughly up-to-date. Two large strong rooms fitted with Chubb's fireproof doors are provided, one on ground floor and one on first floor. The buildings are lighted throughout with gas and electric light. The structure is built of brickwork, substantially bound with iron bands, and the foundations are carried on concrete piles. The upper floors are carried on steel girders and stanchions, which in turn are carried on concrete piles. The various rooms are lathed and plastered with pulp plaster finished with lime putty. The whole of the joiners' work is of figured red pine varnished. The front is treated in a simple style of Italian Renaissance executed in cement stucco, and the central pediment is surmounted with a full size modelled statue of St. George and the Dragon. Architects, Crichton and McKay, F.F.R.I.B.A.; contractor, W. G. Emeny. For ground floor plan see page 315.

flooring, seventy miles of electric bell wire, 200 miles of piping for lighting and heating, ninety miles of electric light and power cables, 160,000 floor joists, 16,000 electric lamps. The architect is Norman Shaw; his building is said to be the stateliest modern building in London; and he has received applause from every school of taste in the modern Babylon. It is a success rare among architects; if you doubt, walk down Lambton Quay and hear the people talk.

The Palmerston North Technical School Board are about to erect new buildings at the corner of Duke and King streets. Architect, F. de J. Clere, F.R.I.B.A., Wellington.

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