

of the front premises are to contain shops and offices, whilst the theatre itself is to be about the same size as the new Opera House in Wellington, and having everything possible for the convenience and comfort of the players and the public.

On the corner of Park Road and Miramar Avenue a new Post Office for Miramar is shortly to be erected in brick. The building is also to contain living quarters for the officer in charge.

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Mr. G. W. ALLSOP, A.R.I.B.A., reports: Drawing out alterations to manager's house at Costley Home. Preparing plans for new manager's house at the Auckland Hospital.

Mr. R. W. DE MONTALK reports: Preparing plans for house at Stanley Bay and also alterations to a billiard-room in Manakau Road. Plans just finished for alteration to chemist's shop and billiard-rooms in Khyber Pass. The foundations for Cargen Proprietary residential flats are under way.

Mr. T. W. MAY reports being engaged on plans for a 7-story £25,000 building in Queen Street for Mr. T. Ellison, to be known as Ellison's Buildings. The structure will occupy the site of shops of Champtaloup & Edmiston, booksellers, J. Howden, jeweller, and Mrs. E. Martelli, tobacconist, and will have a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 110 feet. The shops on the ground floor will have a total floor space of 3228 square feet and will probably be occupied by the present tenants.

Mr. W. H. GLOVER, Lic. R.I.B.A., until recently with Mr. E. Bartley, has commenced practise on his own account at Premier Buildings, Queen Street, and has just received tenders for new premises for the Auckland Fruit-growers' Association. The lowest, that of H. Colbourne, for £6335, has been accepted. Mr. Glover is calling tenders for alterations and additions to a clothing factory in Donaldson Street for Mr. A. R. Meek.

The massive front to the new Public Trust Office is nearly bricked up, and is looking very imposing.

The new Post Office is practically complete. Almost universal exception is being taken to the steepness of the front steps and the height of the posting lobby above the street level.

Improvements and additions to country buildings are proceeding apace, and the latest contracts, shortly to be put in hand, are for a branch of the National Bank of New Zealand at Pukekohe, and a new general post office at Tuakau. Both will be handsome buildings, to be erected in modern style, and are intended to provide for present needs and future requirements, as the respective localities develop.

The National Bank of New Zealand at Pukekohe is shown on the plans (Messrs. E. Mahoney & Son, architects) as a two-storey building, with a frontage of 30ft. and a depth of 54ft., and includes the banking premises and manager's residential quarters. Messrs. E. Mahoney & Sons have drawn plans for a new building, one storey, 52 feet by 42 feet, for the Bank of New Zealand at Morrinsville, comprising Banking premises and manager's residence.

An up-to-date block of three shops, to cost between three and four thousand pounds, is being erected for Messrs. R. & W. Hellaby, at Birkenhead. It will occupy a space practically 60 feet square, and will contain dwellings, with

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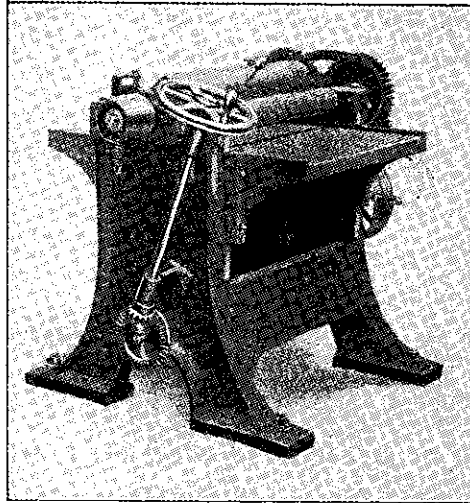
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a fine harbour view, above the shops, two of which will be let and the other occupied by one of Messrs. Hellaby's branches. Plans will shortly be issued and tenders called for a new school at Takapuna.

Messrs. E. Mahoney & Sons, architects, are busy with plans for a new brick building for Hallenstein Bros., in Cameron Street, Whangarei. Additions are being made by the Education Board to the Grey Lynn and Mt. Albert schools.

The Bay of Plenty district is shortly to be provided with three new Native schools—at Matapihi, Pukehuia and Maungatapu. Master's residence will be built for each.

Messrs. WILSON & MOODIE, architects, have in hand the new handsome steel frame building for the A.M.P. Society at the corner of Queen and Victoria Streets. The frontage is 30 feet to the former and 82 feet to the latter. This building will probably be comparatively the most expensive of its kind in Auckland. There will be concrete floors and staircases. The exterior will be very handsome, the lower portion will be faced with Coromandel granite and above Mt. Somers stone will be used. At the summit of the building will be placed a group of statuary of Mt. Somers stone, the tallest figure nearly 11 feet high.

Messrs. Briscoe & Co. are having considerable additions to their premises in Customs Street East from plans prepared by Messrs. Wilson & Moodie, architects. This will give an additional frontage of 31ft. upon which building will be erected in similar style to that existing. Support will be by cast columns on bed rock foundations.

A new hot water supply, by the installation of two calorifers, is being made in the Auckland Hospital.

It is proposed to erect a theatre at Te Aroha shortly.

In Customs Street West the foundations of the buildings for Messrs. A. & T. Burt are being pushed ahead.

Tenders are now being invited by the Public Works Department for the erection of an infectious diseases hospital at Rotorua. It will be a single storey building in wood, and the main portion covers an area 68ft. by 22ft. 6in.

It is proposed by the trustees of the Elam School of Art to erect a new art school in Rutland Street on a site provided by the City Council.

The Superintendent of the Workers' Dwellings Department is now calling for tenders for the erection of thirty-six new houses at Ellerslie and Otahuhu. Particulars may be obtained from the Superintendent.

In the last three years new houses have gone up in Auckland at the rate of four per day. Within the Greater Auckland area 4000 new homes have been erected in three years. A leading land and property agent informed a "Star" representative that whereas the population of Greater Auckland stood at 110,000, there were not 100 empty houses in the whole city, and that people frequently spent half a day in searching for a house before they found one that had a "to-let" sign showing. Last year over a million sterling was spent on new buildings in Auckland.

Messrs. WILSON & MOODIE report the following tenders received for the A.M.P. Society's new buildings in Queen Street:—W. A. Hutchinson, £24,500 (accepted); J. D. Jones, £25,200; Grevatt & Son, £25,222; J. Webster,

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