

Australia's Federal Capital City

Parliament House Competition

The details of this rather long delayed competition have now come to hand, and architects desiring to compete can get Registration forms and Programmes from the Public Works Department at Wellington or from the Department of Home Affairs, Melbourne.

This competition will be competed for by architects from all over the world and we hope that a New Zealand Architect will win the first prize of £2,000. There is a second prize of £1,500, and a

third of £1,000, a fourth of £500, and four additional prizes for the next four in order of merit of £250 each, making a total of eight prizes altogether.

These conditions are mandatory, and failure on part of a competitor to conform to the same will exclude his design.

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS.—Intending competitors are required to acknowledge receipt of Programme of Competition on accompanying Registration Form indicating responsible architectural practice in design and supervision of building construction. Satisfactory compliance with this condition will be a first essential to candidacy for employment in connexion with the execution of this work. No adjudicator nor advisor nor employé of the Commonwealth of Australia shall compete or assist a competitor. No competitor shall submit more than one design.

Capitol Hill Parliament Hill



Canberra—View in Present Condition

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Conditions have been elaborately drawn up the main features of which we give below.

PURPOSE.—The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, having under construction the Federal Capital City at Canberra, desires to secure the services of an architect or architects to design, in harmony with the objects and policies of the general design for the city, the first of its important public buildings. The foremost of these buildings in importance and in order of construction is Parliament House, for which tentative designs are invited in international competition open to all qualified architects. If any pre-empted design additional to the first shall have been specially commended by the Adjudicators on account of exceptional merit, it is possible that the Commonwealth may subsequently commission the author thereof in connexion with other buildings at the Capital; but it must be understood that such commen-

SPECIAL INFORMATION.—Additional information, if necessitated by circumstances, will be forwarded by the Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction to all registered competitors.

PREPARATION.—All the drawings required shall be drawn with pencil or pen, without wash or colours, except plain washes if desired, to indicate sections or to block in openings or to show different planes of distances. All lettering shall be of plain legible type. All rooms shall have figured dimensions. All drawings shall be cloth-mounted on stretchers. The only drawings to be submitted are:—(1) Plan of each floor of Parliament House; (2) Longitudinal section of Parliament House; (3) Transverse section of Parliament House; (4) 3 Elevations of Parliament House; (5) Perspective from direction of "Terrace Court of the Reservoir," indicating relationship with proposed future Departmental and Capitol Buildings. Scale $\frac{1}{8}$ inch per 1 foot at nearest angle on picture plane; (6) Detail of one architectural feature of the building, selection optional.