

Personal

Mr. J. Kelly of the Southland County Council Engineering Staff has been appointed Engineer to the Awakino County Council and takes up his duties immediately.

The funeral took place on September 12th at Wellington of Mr. John Twist, who for fifty years past had been identified with the building trade in that city. He was always recognised as an expert craftsman, and many of the buildings erected during the last half-century bear a tribute to his workmanship. In 1868 Mr. Twist was associated with the late Mr. Samuel Brown in laying the telegraph line from Wellington to Masterton. During the later period of his life Mr. Twist had been connected with the Public Works Department.

Building Notes

ASHBURTON

The foundation stone of the new hostel which is being erected in connection with the Ashburton High School was laid by the Hon. Jas. Allen last month. Mr. Ivor Matthews is the contractor and Messrs. England Bros. the architects.

AUCKLAND

Mr. W. H. Glover Architect received the following tenders for the erection of a three-storey brick building at the corner of Victoria and Albert Streets:—W. J. Grevatt & Son, £5,666; J. T. Julian & Son, £5,927; W. E. Hutchison, £6,100; F. Nelson, £6,134; J. E. Guthrie, £6,590; J. H. Coleburne, £6,600; McCallum & Bull, £6,728; Pearce & Grover, £6,737; J. Webster, £6,886; S. J. Clarke & Son, £7,037; G. Garner, £7,224; L. McKinstry, £7,277; G. H. Edwards, £7,278.

Amended tenders were called from Messrs. Julian & Son and Grevatt & Son, excluding a portion of the basement provided for in the original plans, and reducing the thickness of the walls and lighter steelwork, besides sundry alterations to the ground floor. The amended tenders were as follows:—Messrs. Julian & Son, £4,897; Messrs. W. J. Grevatt & Son, £5,300. It is probable that the lower tender will be accepted.

The amended plans provide for a three-storey brick structure of attractive appearance. The site has a frontage of 39ft. to Victoria Street and 79ft. to Albert Street. On the ground floor there will be three shops of modern design, fronting Victoria Street, and four shops of similar design will front Albert Street. The main entrance will be from the latter street. The three floors of the building, with the exception of the portion devoted to the shops, are to be subdivided to suit tenants for warehouse purposes. The basement portion of the building is to be used as a billiard room. An electric lift is to be installed, and the building will be lit by electricity. The exterior of the building, which is pleasingly designed, will be plastered, and there will be a suspended verandah to both frontages. The building is to be erected for Mr. Gypren Hannah.

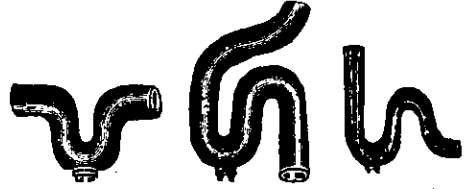
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