

and the upper storey in common bricks rough cast. The Dining Room, (19ft. x15ft.) is panelled with "Amiwud" and has beamed ceiling, a larger panelled Hall, four bedrooms, kitchen, sleeping porch, verandah and balcony. Lit throughout by "Dreadnought" petrol gas. The Bayswater church Hall (near Otautau) was also recently opened.

The following works are at present in course of erection:—

Brick residence at Waverly, North Invercargill for Mr. Lachlan Fraser, contractor Mr. Alex Dingwall, contract price £600; residence for Mr. Alf. Brickley at Otaitai Bush, Messrs. Stevens & Wilson contractors; residence at Waimatuku, for Mr. Wm. McLeod, Mr. J. C. Johnston being the successful tenderer; a two-storey brick and rough cast residence for Mr. Dawson in Morton Road, Georgetown, with large panelled hall with beam ceiling, dining room (with alcove) with panelled dado, and fibrous plaster ceilings breakfast room, kitchen and three bedrooms, besides porch, verandah and sleeping porch, lighting throughout to be electric light, contractor Mr. Alex Cowan. The North Invercargill Manse is also under construction, the successful tenderers being Messrs. Smith & Fraser and the contractors price being £942. There are eight rooms in brick with the usual conveniences. Mr. R. S. Young recently secured the contract for the erection of Mrs. David Younger's brick residence in South Riverton and Mr. R. Morris the contract for Mr. Jas. King's residence at Tuatapere. Extensive additions and alterations including the installation of an up-to-date sanitary system to the offices of the National Mortgage & Agency Co., are under way, as also is new plumbing work in two other large mercantile offices in the Crescent.

Plans are now being prepared and tenders invited for two brick shops for Mr. F. W. Perry at Riverton and for a brick residence in Invercargill.

Plans, etc., are also being prepared for large brick residences at Riverton and Centre Bush, for a large concrete building for a firm of carriers at Balelutha and for extensive additions to an Invercargill residence.

TE KARAKA.

6 dwellings completed, 2 new shops, tea rooms and living rooms, under construction, asbestos treatment. Cost £750. Contractor, H. J. Peacecke.

Two Railway Stations are being built with necessary sheds and out houses at Rakauroa and Matawai. Concrete front is introduced in former. Contract, £2,700. Contractor, T. Haisman three residences are under construction. Home with river frontage, Aberdeen Road. Contractor, T. Haisman.

The Architects and Builders have a good amount of work in hand, and the winter has been very favourable for conducting work. The City of Gisborne and neighbourhood offer bright promise in the future.

Mr. Chas. Taylor, Contractor has in hand a new picture theatre to seat 650 persons, walls and ceilings treated with asbestos and plaster being alterations and additions to an existing building. Price £1800. The Royal Hotel work in connection with same £800, for Mr. D. I. Barry. British Empire Hotel for Mr. B. E. Oman, most modern fittings for bar with radial ends to counter, and Hotel accommodation with public and private rooms, £3000. A new building in ferro-concrete, providing store, 2 show rooms, for cabinet manufacturer and workshop in two storeys for contractor's business, a gallery around store will provide show-room space for furniture etc. The Workshop, 230ft. x 57ft. 6in. now in hand. Cost about, £15,000. 3 bungalows of 6 rooms etc., cost £800. Seven new buildings to be constructed.

WELLINGTON

Building operations are very slack just now. One architect states that of nine separate contracts he was engaged on no less than seven have stopped till things get more settled.

The New Parliamentary Buildings are getting on well, the contractors Messrs. Hansford, Mills & Hardie having had very little delay in the supply of materials so far. They anticipate some delay, however, through the steel not arriving from England at due date which will mean an extension of contract time (two years). They have now been six months on the work above the foundations and until recently kept all their men employed. There was a short stop of a day or so last month owing to Coromandel

stone not arriving, and twenty-four masons had a day off in consequence. Four electric cranes are used for placing the blocks in position; they carry a weight of three tons, and have a range of 70ft.

Messrs. Beere and Greenish, Architects, have completed—a cottage in Tar Street, Highland Park Estate, S. Harris, Builder. In course of erection a House in Grant Road in asbestos walling and roof throughout with curved ceiling of asbestos in living room. Messrs. Ranson and Rosser, Builders. Proposed alterations to houses in Goldie's Brae, Petone and Paekakariki. Designs for Houses at Oriental Bay, Thorndon and Karori.



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