

Building Notes

AUCKLAND.

Work at the Myers Kindergarten, in Myers Park, Auckland, is proceeding rapidly. Says the "Herald"—While there still remains a good deal to be done to both building and grounds, a good idea can be formed already as to the handsome appearance the building will present when finished. At present the carpenters are busy completing the flooring of the lower storey, and when this work is finished, probably in a day or so, they will begin on the doors. The plasterers are working at the ceilings upstairs. A portion of the outer walls has already been finished, and the delicate brown tint of the rough-cast against the red brick facing makes a most attractive contrast. Outside the grounds form a beautiful setting to the handsome building. While a great amount of work has been done in the park there yet remains a large area of waste land at the western end, where the work of grading and planting is going ahead. Another entrance will be formed at Karangahape Road, and several new paths will be made. The work of asphaltting the children's playground will be undertaken shortly, so that when the kindergarten opens the playing area will be available.

During the last few weeks, the Building Committee of the Y.W.C.A. has been busily engaged in revising details in connection with the plans for the new building to be erected in Upper Queen Street. The plans have now been completed, and tenders will probably be called in the course of a week or two. The building will have several notable features, one being a roof tennis court, which will command a view of the city and harbour. There will be a cafe on the top floor and a gymnasium on the ground level, sufficiently large to be used for basketball. It has been finally decided to build no accommodation for members, experience in other centres having proved that the hostel and administrative departments should be kept entirely separate. The new building will therefore be used exclusively for clubs and classes, and the rooms will represent the social centre of the association's work.

The contracts let for the new building for Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd., are as follows:—Contract No. 1 for excavating and removal of buildings, Mr. G. H. Edwards, £449. Main contract, Mr. Jas. Webster, £18,260, making total of £18,709.

CHRISTCHURCH.

During May the following building permits were issued:—Central Ward (Inner), 3 permits, value £4,600; (Outer), 4 permits, value £3,000; Linwood, 2 permits, value £850; St. Albans, 15 permits, value £6,420; Sydenham, 3 permits, value £830. Total, 27 permits, value £15,700.

WELLINGTON.

The following building permits have been received and approved by the City engineer since March 7th, 1916 to May 16th, 1916.

From 7th March, 1916 to 21st March, 1916—28 fresh applications were received for permission to erect: 30 were approved. City district, £6,977—Melrose, £6,515—Northland, £290. Total, £13,782.

From 21st March, 1916 to 4th April, 1916—29 new applications: 27 were granted. City, £2,880—Melrose, £12,789. Total, £15,769.

From 4th April, 1916 to 18th April, 1916—26 applications: 17 granted. City, £145—Melrose, £4,907—Northland, £460—Wadestown, £2,420. Total, £7,932.

From 18th April, 1916 to 2nd May, 1916—22 applications and 21 were granted. City, £5,848—Melrose, £4,434—Northland, £263. Total, £10,545.

From 2nd May, 1916 to 16th May, 1916—24 new applications and 31 were granted. City, £3,419—Melrose, £12,280—Northland, £265. Total, £16,224.

From the above it cannot but be noticed that the Melrose district is receiving a great deal of attention from the builder. The share of building permits granted in this period for Melrose being about £41,000 out of a total of £64,000.

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