

in need of medical attention, amid surroundings designed to accelerate their complete recovery to health. The project is being taken up very enthusiastically by country branches, and many are organising concerts and other entertainments for its benefit. Several offers of help have already been received and more are sure to come when the country efforts are properly under way. It is intended soon to call for tenders for a recreation room and functional hospital—two very important departments in any useful convalescent home.

The Southland Hospital Board has decided to try to arrange with the Southland A. & P. Association to take over the dining room and grand stand at the show ground and convert them into a hospital ward to relieve the congestion in the present hospital. The board will also shortly be moving cases out to Lorne Farm where accommodation was arranged for last November. The consumptive sanatorium at Kew is now practically ready for occupation. At a special meeting on Tuesday evening the board decided to initiate a comprehensive scheme, and it is about to ask for Ministerial sanction for the purchase of an additional block of land at Kew. This is to be used to establish the nucleus of a new hospital for Southland, as there is no room available for extension on the present site. The board is instructing its architect to draw up a scheme of buildings for submission to a subsequent meeting.

Tenders are invited by Messrs. Mason and Wales, architects, for the erection of hospital buildings (brick), at Waikari.

HAMILTON.

Another public meeting has been held to consider the Soldiers' Club proposition, and an offer was put before the meeting of a suitable site from the Borough Council at a very low rent. The club was to be available to citizen and soldier members and would afterwards revert to the municipality. £1,150 was subscribed of the £5,000 required.

HORNBY.

At a meeting of the Hornby School Committee it was decided to call for competitive designs for a water tower, for a soldiers' memorial to be erected at the school.

KAWHIA.

Tenders are being called by Messrs. Ed. Mahoney and Son, for the erection in brick and concrete of a building for the Bank of New Zealand.

MASTERTON.

It is proposed to erect a convalescent ward for soldiers as an annexe to the Masterton Hospital. The Mayor (Mr. Coradine) has given notice to move that the sum of £5,000 be voted by the Patriotic Association towards the ward.

MATAMATA.

Tenders are called for additions (in wood) to the school building by the Auckland Education Board.

OXFORD.

The North Canterbury Hospital Board are about to build a maternity home at Oxford.

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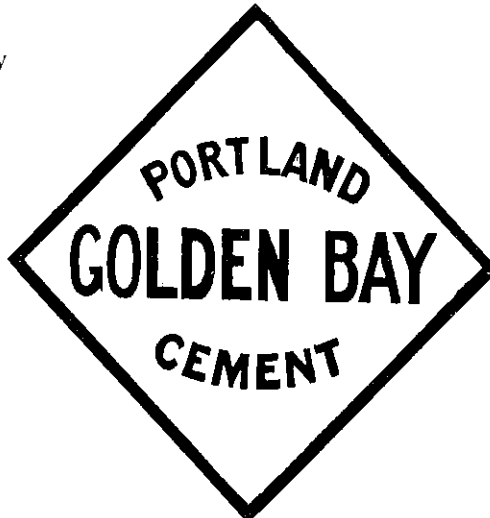
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