

Messrs. Collins & Harman called for tenders for the erection of buildings in connection with the Orthopaedic Department at the Christchurch Hospital. The same firm called for tenders for the erection of additions to staff rooms at the hospital.

The Lyttelton Harbour Board called for tenders early this month for supply of 200 Iron bark piles 70 ft. long.

The Christchurch Creche & Kindergarten Assn. called for tenders for the erection of a Kindergarten School at Phillipstown.

The Public Trustee called for tenders for the erection of a Public Hall at Little River.

SOUTHLAND.

A new factory for Messrs. Fleming & Co. of Gore is being erected for the manufacture of "Creamoata" to designs by Mr. W. H. Dunning of Dunedin. The structural designing has been done by Mr. Blair Mason, engineer, of Dunedin, and Messrs. Fletcher Bros., builders, have the contract for the erection of the building. The new building will be entirely of ferro-concrete, practically fire-proof throughout. The foundations, which are now in, are sunk to a depth of 12 feet. The total height of the new structure will be 80 feet, comprising five storeys, each of 15 feet. The whole of the outer walls, with the exception of the structural piers, will be of glass, thus making the building what is known to-day as a "Sunlight" factory, and every known device for ample ventilation and general hygiene will be provided.

The kilns and general milling plant will be separated from the packing department by a fire-proof curtain wall, provided with self-closing fireproof doors. The roof of both silos and mill will be of concrete, as also will be all staircases and conditioning bins, while all spouts, conveyors, and elevators will be of steel. An electric lift will also be provided for communication between the different floors.

Power will be transmitted to the different groups of machines electrically from the main generator in the powerhouse.

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