

large teko teko post. The main building is comprised of the large central chamber flanked by smaller rooms at either end. Maori carving stained with red ochre forms an integral part of the external ornaments. The walls are of stucco, a pale yellow tint. The roof is of red tiles.

NAPIER.

A deputation from the Hawkes Bay Education Board waited on the Minister for Education (Hon. J. M. Pennington) recently to ask for a Government grant of £12,000 spread over three years, and a pound for pound subsidy on local donations towards the building of the Napier High School; also a grant for a hostel. It was estimated that the cost of the new school would be between £50,000 and £60,000.

The Minister stated that he wanted to help the board; but he had to consider the money available and the demands from other districts. After the Department had made a careful examination of the plans and reported to him, he would be prepared to recommend Cabinet to approve a grant, but not up to £15,000. The question of a subsidy would have to be settled by Cabinet after the grant was approved. He was also prepared to consider recommending Cabinet to approve a sum towards the cost of the hostel.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

At the beginning of the month Sir James Allen formally opened the new buildings of the Boy's High School to replace those destroyed by fire. The contract price was £7800. The new buildings include a large assembly hall, erected through the efforts of the Citizens' Committee, who raised £2600 to which the Government added a subsidy of £1000.

Mr Thos. H. Bates invited tenders for the erection of offices and warehouse for Messrs John Avery, Ltd.; also for garage, offices, showrooms, etc., for Messrs H. Derby and Co.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

News has been received that a grant of £10,000 has been authorised for the erection of a girls' high school at Palmerston North. The work is to be proceeded with immediately.

THAMES.

Mr G. W. Allsop invited tenders for Nurses' Home (wards), Thames Hospital.

TAUMARUNUI.

Messrs Atkins, Bacon and Mitchell, of Wellington, invited tenders for the erection of new premises at Taumarunui for the Bank of Australasia, Ltd.

WELLINGTON.

It is more than probable that the Wellington Technical Education Board will call for competitive designs for the new Technical College. Mr George Frost, chairman of the board, stated that to complete the new college as planned would probably cost £70,000. The sum of £30,000 was looked upon as immediately available, made up of £15,000 promised by the City Council in return for the Mercer street block, occupied by the Technical Education Board's workshops and tennis court, and £15,000 subsidy guaranteed by the Government. The latter was to be made available when the City Council paid over the first £5000 of its £15,000 contribution, which is expected at an early date. The actual work of construction would be definitely started within three months' time, and should be finished in under two years. It was the intention of the board to approach the Minister for Justice forthwith in connection with his promise made in May last to provide material and labour for the foundations of the building.

Tenders were called for by the Wellington Harbour Board for the erection of a brick store in Taranaki street. Messrs Clero and Williams invited tenders for the church of St. Matthias, Makara in reinforced concrete. Messrs Swan and Swan called for tenders for the erection of a residence at Island Bay.

WANGANUI.

Messrs Atkins, Bacon and Mitchell invited separate tenders for the erection of: (a) fourth house block, (b) music block, (c) stewards' house at Wanganui College.

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