

Wood, etc., Protecting and Fire-proofing—A patent, No. 41449, has been taken out by Artenox Co., of Delaware, U.S.A. It comprises treating materials with an ammoniacal solution containing a zinc compound, but substantially free of other non-volatile constituents, said solution having an alkaline reaction towards phenolphthalein, and its content of combined zinc being at least about 5 per cent. Other features are contained in invention.

Building Notes.

ASHBURTON.

Mr. Roy Lovell-Smith, of Christchurch, called for tenders late last month for extensive additions and alterations to Coleman's Buildings, Ashburton for Messrs Gough and Son.

AUCKLAND.

As a result of an appeal made to old boys of King's College to do their part in furtherance of the new college scheme, it has been decided to donate a chapel as a memorial to those who had died at the war. So far donations to the amount of £926 had been paid by old boys. For the past year, however, the position in regard to the new college has remained practically unchanged. In regard to the new college, the chairman at a recent meeting said the chief difficulty of the board of governors had been limited funds, and the high cost of building. In consequence, the board had had to mark time, but it had now been practically decided to proceed with building operations, although for the time being the scheme would be carried out in a modified form. He understood the plans of the modified scheme were now being prepared, and that tenders would soon be called. The original scheme had been estimated to cost £50,000, but the modified one would cost £10,000 less. The chapel to be erected by the old boys would be erected whatever the scheme was. The chapel had been estimated to cost £8,000, and it would be necessary to obtain £4,000 before they could obtain the 50 per cent. which the bank was prepared to advance.

The question of rebuilding St. John's College at Tamaki, was referred to recently by the Anglican Bishop as being a real necessity.

The sale took place recently of the block of land and business premises occupied by E. Porter and Co., the price paid being over £55,000. The property has a frontage to Queen Street and High Street, and based on the Queen Street frontage of 51 feet the price works out at nearly £1080 per foot.

In order to overcome the difficulty of overcrowding of the schools the Auckland Education Board has now in hand a programme of school construction and extensions which, with new sites, will involve an expenditure of over £100,000.

Mr. Henry E. White called for tenders for the erection of a bungalow in wood, at Mt. Albert. Messrs Chilwell and Trevithick, called for tenders for alterations and additions to a house in Church Road, Epsom. Mr. L. C. A. Potter, architect, also called for tenders for house at Epsom. The following tenders have also been published:—Mr. J. Routley, St. John's Presbyterian Church, at Papatoetoe; Messrs Wilson and Moodie, for concrete steps for Racing Club, at Ellerslie; Mr. S. Goldsboro, for brick shop and dwelling at Milford; Mr. J. Currie, residence at Kohimarama; Messrs Wilson and Mudie, for alterations to Victoria Arcade; Messrs Ed. Mahoney and Son, for premises for Bank of New Zealand at Otorohanga and Matamata; Mr. A. Palmer, roofing Holy Trinity Church, Devonport; Messrs Holman and Moses, St. Luke's Presbyterian Manse, Remuera; H. J. West, architect, for two shops and billiard room Opatiki. Mr. Farrell called for tenders during last months for school building at Morrinsville. Tenders were also called for new post office at Manuera in brick.

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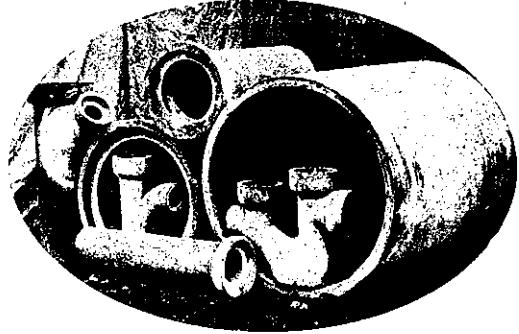
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