

and a safe estimate is that at least 100 houses and business premises are being erected. At Frankton a contract has just been let for the erection of 27 houses. A syndicate is putting up several shops in Victoria Street, Hamilton, and the National Bank of New Zealand has recently purchased a site with the intention of erecting new premises.

#### MASTERTON.

New premises are to be erected shortly for the Bank of Australasia. The Union Bank of Australia also contemplate erecting fine premises in Perry Street shortly.

It is proposed to erect a tower and chapel to the existing Church costing £5000 as a thanks offering for the termination of the war.

#### NGARUAWHIA.

Mr. L. C. Potter, architect, of Matamata, called for tenders recently for the erection in brick of business premises.

#### TIMARU.

Messrs J. S. and M. J. Guthrie, architects, Christchurch, called for tenders early this month for additions in brick to Messrs J. Ballantyne and Company's premises.

#### WANGANUI.

At a recent meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Wanganui, it was decided to establish an institute in connection with the church, the aim being to subsequently erect a hostel. The immediate scheme is expected to cost about £1000.

#### WHAKATANE.

A deputation was appointed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and local bodies recently to interview the Minister for Public Health with regard to the immediate erection of the Whakatane Hospital on the site agreed to by the health officer.

#### WELLINGTON.

The Wellington Diocesan Synod have approved of the site of St. Mark's Church for the proposed Anglican Cathedral, subject to the report of a geological expert.

Messrs Penty and Lawrence called for tenders during the month for additions to Victoria College.

A contract has been let to Messrs Hansford and Mills to erect the new building for the State Fire Insurance Department on the corner of Lambton Quay and Waring-Taylor Street, from plans supplied by Messrs Hoggard, Prouse and W. H. Guamer, A.R.I.B.A. The building, which will be seven stories in height, will be constructed on the latest American steel-frame principle, and the whole of the facade will be of Kairuru marble, from the Takaka district, Nelson, on a brick basis. The magnitude of the structure can be gathered from the fact that it will have a frontage to Lambton Quay of 104 feet, and one to Waring-Taylor Street of 58 feet. The cost of the building will be approximately £80,000. As most of the material has been practically secured, it is not anticipated that there will be much delay in pushing on with the work. There is already a large stock of steel in Wellington for the building, and two more shipments on the water. The building was planned some six years ago, and its erection has only been delayed on account of the war. Its erection will take about twelve months, or more, according to circumstances. The contracting firm is the one at present engaged on the erection of the new Parliamentary Buildings.

An addition two storeys is being added to the Midland Hotel, Lambton Quay.

Messrs Swan and Swan called for tenders for alterations to Messrs Geo. Fowld's premises.

Mr. Fielding called for tenders during this month for the erection in brick of Whyte's Hotel, Foxton.

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