

Price of Cement.

THE FIFTH REDUCTION.

A reduction in the price of cement in New Zealand is to take place as from March 1st. The present price, £6 6s. per ton, will be lowered to £5 17s., a decrease of 9s. This will be the fifth reduction in price since the peak rates were charged.

Building Notes.

AUCKLAND.

The tender submitted by Mr. Richard Cornish has been accepted for the erection of new municipal building at Newmarket. The cost of the building will be £12,687.

The progress of Mount Albert is indicated by the number and value of building permits issued during the last ten months. Permits for new dwellings amounted to 160, with a value of £127,349, while 104 permits were issued for additions to dwellings, the value of the additions being £6422. Eleven permits for shops gave a value of £15,168. The total value of building permits issued during the period was £151,016.

Mr. G. W. Allsop, architect, invites tenders, until February 20th., for the erection of infirmary wards at the Costley Home, and also for a residence at St. Helier's Bay, in concrete and wood.

Mr. F. A. Browne, architect, is inviting tenders, closing February 21st, for the erection of a two-storey residence at Remuera.

Messrs. Chilwell and Trevithick, architects, called tenders during the month for the erection of a residence in Gillies Avenue.

Messrs. Grierson and Ameri, architects, invited tenders for the erection of two shops, with dwellings, in brick, at Papatoetoe.

Messrs. Mulliens and Sholto Smith, architects, invite tenders for the erection of a residence at St. Helier's, and also for a residence at Bayswater.

Messrs. Massey, Morgan, Hyland and Phillips, architects, called tenders for the erection of a residence at Mt. Roskill, and also for a residence at Remuera.

Mr. D. Patterson, architect, invited tenders for the erection of fire station and dwellings in Ponsonby Road, for the Auckland Fire Board.

Mr. L. S. Piper, architect, invited tenders for the erection of a residence at Mt. Eden.

Mr. J. Park, architect, called tenders for three shops and offices, in brick and concrete, at Epsom.

Mr. J. W. Rough, architect, invites tenders for the erection of a bungalow at Remuera.

The Auckland Education Board is inviting tenders for a new school building near Morimsville, and also at Hungahunga.

Other tenders called were for a bungalow at Mt. Eden; residence at Burwood Crescent; and a two-storey residence at Market Road.

CHRISTCHURCH.

The building permits issued by the City Surveyor for December, 1922, show a substantial increase, both in number and value, as compared with the same period in 1921. The figures are as follows:—

Ward.	1922.		1921.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Central—				
Inner Area ...	1	83,350	1	300
Outer Area ...	15	21,110	8	5,570
St. Albans ...	17	11,188	23	14,655
Sydenham ...	10	3,772	15	8,780

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