

Anyone passing down Fenton street cannot fail to be impressed with the imposing new building which has been erected for the legal firm of Messrs Halliwell and Thomson. The elevation is of a dignity befitting the use to which the building is put, while its chief features are pleasing and artistic, the large circular-headed windows enhancing the effect. The foundations are of concrete, while the front of the structure has the plinth, pilasters, cornices and string courses finished in stucco, the other walls being colored brick, tuck-pointed white. The frontage to the street is 28ft. and the depth 44ft. An imposing entrance leads to a vestibule 6ft by 8ft. from whence is a corridor of 3ft. leading to the large room at the back of the building. There are three exceedingly well-lighted offices, 18ft by 15ft, 18ft by 12ft, and 24ft by 12ft; also a fireproof deed room fitted with a John Tann fire-proof and burglar-proof door, a telephone room, and all necessary conveniences, while electric lighting is installed throughout the building, also electric radiators. The rooms are match-lined throughout above a varnished 4ft dado, the walls and ceilings being suitably painted. The building, which is called "Otago Chambers," was designed by Mr. J. D. Healy, the well-known Stratford architect, and erected by Mr. N. J. King, the plumbing and electric lighting being entrusted to Messrs Smart Bros. and the painting and decorating to Messrs Bellringer Bros., Ltd., and the work throughout is well worthy of the high reputation of these firms. Without doubt, Messrs Halliwell and Thomson possess the best suite of offices in Stratford, and the building is a credit to them and to the town.