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An Enterprising Firm.

In order to adequately cope with rapid extension of business, Messrs Burgess, Fraser & Co., general merchants, of this town, have just had erected for them at the corner of Currie and Gill-streets a commodious warehouse which is calculated to meet all requirements for some years to come. The building, three storey high, is 70 feet long, 37 feet in width, and 60 feet to the highest pinnacle. The main entrance from Currie-street leads into a suite of conveniently arranged offices, which occupy one-half the area of the ground floor. There are two private offices for the partners a manager's office and public office, the latter being of a size capable of accommodating at least a dozen clerks and allowing plenty of room for the public to transact business. Ventilation and lighting is here a feature, all fittings are made from picked polished rimu, and the ceilings and walls neatly finished with anaglypta ceilings, with moulded and decorated cornices suitably picked out. The back half of the ground floor is for storage and

loading purposes, a large loading dock, 20ft. by 20ft., having been constructed, with entrance from Gill-street, to expedite this work. The dock will admit two large vehicles at one time, and the general arrangements are such as to be admirably suited to attain the object for which they were designed. The first storey is 14ft. high, the second 18ft., and the third 7ft., the two latter being exclusively used for storing. An underground cellar occupies almost the whole area of the site. A very necessary convenience is a particularly strong hydraulic lift, installed at one side of the warehouse, and this is 6ft. square, and capable of carrying a ton from the cellar to the top floor. In the cellar is located a large strong room and all sanitary conveniences. The building is provided with electric light, throughout.

The premises are built of brick and the wood-work in the interior is of the best quality of rimu. The foundations are of concrete, carried to a depth of 20ft. on to a solid bed of rock. The general design is Italian; the brick is relieved in cement plaster, the window heads are provided with heavy keystones and the plasters are channelled with a handsome cornice design running round the roof. The building has a handsome architectural effect, and is the best and most up-to-date of its kind in this part of the Island. Mr J. Sanderson was the architect.

WELSON was the architect, Mr W. Morris builder, Mr Griffiths plumber, Mr McConnell the painter, and McCroskie and Son (engineers of Auckland) were the contractors for the list.

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