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## Building takes a tumble

**A building one minute, a pile of rubbish the next.**

This was the fate of the building on the corner of King St and Egmont St, New Plymouth, today, that dates back to the turn of the century.

Linked by a steel cable to a bulldozer, the building came down with a creaking and a crash in what could be termed instant demolition.

The land is to be cleared and offered for sale by the present owners solicitors Messrs D. C. Christian, I. D. Strombom and D. G. Medway.

Mr Strombom said today the building had been pulled down because it was an eyesore and had outlived its useful purpose.

The footpath running down the side of the building in King St had been collapsing slowly into the basement.

Mr Strombom said his associates originally had bought the building with the idea of pulling it down and replacing it with another building, but they were now putting the land up for sale.

The building had not been used for about seven or eight years, he said.

The wooden structure was built around 1900 by Mr W. D. Webster and leased to the Northern Steamship Co. Ltd.

It was bought by a farmer, Mr J. V. Wyborne, and then in 1924 by two local solicitors, Messrs Arthur Standish and Thomas Anderson.

Another New Plymouth solicitor, Mr R. J. Brokenshire, bought the building in 1963.