



Egmont A & P Association, Nelson Street

1923

Use	Facade only	Historic Value	3 out of 5
Materials	Brick and plaster	Architectural Value	1 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-143-00	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 4674	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	- out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	7 out of 20
Map Reference	N2		

Description

The Egmont Agricultural and Pastoral Association is now no more than a single storey brick facade on a modern building, a plain and forthright piece of architecture with no embellishments. It has five openings, two windows on either side of a door, with the end walls emphasised and a parapet containing the name of the Association. The windows and door openings are now filled in and the window sashes are painted on the plaster in the reveals.

History

The inaugural meeting of the Egmont Agricultural and Pastoral Association took place in January 1884, and the first Agricultural and Pastoral Show in Hawera took place in November that year. The A & P Association purchased land in Nelson Street in 1919, and this building was erected there in 1923 by the firm Hobbs and Baker, with interior wooden furniture constructed by George Syme and Co.

The A & P Association shared the building with the Agricultural Department, the Clydesdale Horses Society, and the Jersey Breeders Association, with a section at the rear of the building being sold to Newton King in 1925. The *Hawera Star*, 10 April 1923, described the building as "single storied, brick, and devoid of external architectural embellishment, but with a substantial appearance, it is eminently well suited to its purpose".

In 1994, with the addition to the Price Chopper Supermarket behind, the building was demolished but the facade to Nelson Street was kept.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Hobbs and Baker

Statement of Significance

Despite the fact that this is not a building, but a two dimensional building facade, it is an important object in that it is representative of an organisation that has played an influential role in the agricultural development of the district. Its farming association is strengthened by other organisations who used the building for offices. In addition, its plain brick architecture, interesting for its colour, shapes and proportions, is a welcome streetscape asset in an area of town dominated by carparks and industrial buildings.

Sources

Centennial History of the Egmont Agricultural and Pastoral Association Inc, 1883-1983

Hawera Star (10 April 1923)

South Taranaki District Council Building File No. 12340-143-00

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Date

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