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MR J. A. TIGGELMAN, a director of Eljshouts Bellfoundry Ltd, presents a handbell to Mr G. Kibby at today's meeting which discussed details for the design of a carillon which Mr Kibby has donated to the city. At right is Mr A. G. Honnor, who was Mayor at the time of Mr Kibby's original donation. The sketch shows a section of the proposed layout of some of the 37 bells.

CARILLON PLANS

New Plymouth's carillon on Marsland Hill should be playing before the year ends.

The carillon came closer to reality today when a director of the Dutch manufacturers visited New Plymouth, inspected the site, and had discussions with the donor of the carillon, Mr G. Kibby.

Mr J. A. Tiggeleman, from Eljshouts Bellfoundry Ltd, Holland, also met the Mayor, Mr D. V. Sutherland, the Town Clerk, Mr W. J. Connor, and Mr A. G. Honnor, who was Mayor at the time Mr Kibby originally made the donation of the carillon.

"We will soon have carillons from the North Pole to the South Pole," Mr Tiggeleman said. A recent installation was in Iceland, and the New Plymouth bells would be the most southerly in the world to be installed by his company.

After visiting Marsland Hill today he said: "This is a wonderful site. The higher the better."

Although the design of structure on which the bells will hang is not yet finalised, Mr Sutherland said it would be a simple framework. "Nothing ornate is planned."

Mr Tiggeleman said the carillon would have 37 bells, ranging from a 3ft diameter bell weighing over 200lb down to a tiny nine-inch diameter bell of a mere 3lb.

The total weight of the bells will be 5587lb.

"It is a musical instrument with three octaves," he said. It would have two keyboards—one for hard play and one for soft play, and could be played either with pre-cut tapes, much in the fashion of the player-type piano, or using the keyboard like an organ.

"A good organist would have no difficulty playing the carillon," Mr Tiggeleman said.

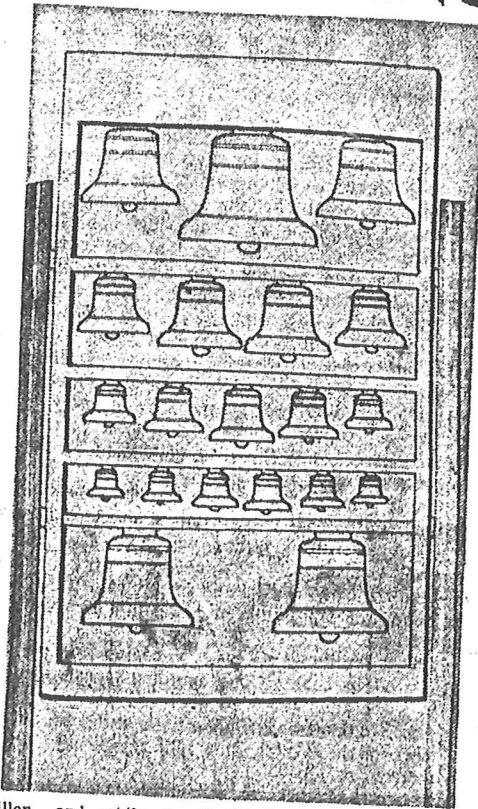
Every carillon is built to special order, he said, and work on New Plymouth's was likely to begin next week. It was quite a lengthy job, but should be finished and ready for shipping from Holland to New Plymouth at the end of September.

Each of the 37 bells would carry an inscription or motif and one would have the text:

DONATED TO THE CITY OF NEW PLYMOUTH BY GEORGE AND MABEL KIBBY A. G. HONNOR MAYOR 1944

Two engineers from Holland would come to New Plymouth to supervise the erection of the bells and installation of equipment. Mr Tiggeleman said.

Mr Sutherland said today's meeting was an essential factor in the planning for the



carillon, and while in the city Mr Tiggeleman would also meet the electrical engineer, Mr P. B. Priest, to plan the power supply to the equipment.

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