

# TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

## TARANAKI CLUB.

### ERECTION OF NEW PREMISES.

The decision of the Taranaki Club to erect new premises is another indication of the progress of the town of New Plymouth, and when completed the building will form a decided improvement to the place as well as provide the better and more commodious accommodation which the club now needs. The site selected, at the western corner of Queen and St. Aubyn Streets, is a commanding one, with the two street frontages, and a splendid outlook over the sea. The plans adopted will provide the club with a modern and well-equipped home, making it one of the most up-to-date in the Dominion.

The appearance of the building will be striking and attractive. At present the design is for a one-storey building of the bungalow type, though provision is to be made for adding a second storey when required.

The base of the building is to be finished in glazed brick, the walls in pressed brick, and the roof in Rosemary tiles, while the gables will be half timber and rough-casted. The front elevation, which is to Queen Street, is an imposing one. The entrance from the footpath is up a flight of steps to a large piazza, on the north-east corner of the building, the dimensions of the piazza being 48ft in length and 15ft 6in deep, and from this a fine view of the ocean will be obtained looking away north as far as the eye can see. From the piazza the main entrance leads into a lobby off which are a strangers' room and the office on the left, while to the right are the lounge, which is to be finished in panelled rimu, a spacious sitting-room with an ingle-nook, and lying behind this are a writing-room, the bar, and the bar lounge. The billiard-room, containing three tables, is a large and well-lighted room, the windows being set high up in the wall to obviate the casting of any shadows. The usual card rooms are also included. The offices are complete in every detail, including a club bathroom and lavatories, butler's pantry and servery, and complete quarters for the stewards. All the bathrooms and lavatories are to have tiled floors and walls.

The plan also provides for a dining-room, with kitchen and servery attached, but the erection of this portion of the building is not contemplated at the present time. In the event of a second storey having to be added later, it is intended to lead the stairway from the reception lounge.

The building, for which tenders are now being invited, has been well designed by Mr. T. H. Bates of New Plymouth, and when erected should be an ornament as well as an acquisition to the town.