

# Making way

One of New Plymouth's older homes paid the price of progress yesterday, as contractors moved in to demolish it and prepare the site for a three-storey office block.

A. J. Cowley's were given just two days to remove the turn-of-the-century house in Powderham St, apparently built for the mother of Mr Newton King.

Built of heart rimu, matai and other native timbers, it did not have a Historic Places Trust classification and by this afternoon will be little more than firewood, dumped at the city's rubbish tip.

A \$2.5m building will replace it and will be leased by a firm of accountants, Arthur Young.

## Hydro drop

PA Wellington  
Hydro storage dropped significantly in the South Island last week, down 4% to 74%, the Ministry of Energy's electrical divi-

notice of the proposed price increase issued by Petrocorp's Natural Gas Division.

He said the division had written to all suppliers giv-

crease was always lower than that stated in the notice, he said.

"In relation to retail prices — and that's what the consumer is interested

