



The former Bank of New South Wales premises erected in 1883 on the corner of Devon and Currie Streets. The growth of business proved such these were extended in 1916 but were demolished to make way for larger premises in 1925.

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Site's long history

The former Bank of New South Wales opened a branch at New Plymouth on December 11, 1877, occupying leased premises in Brougham Street.

The site at 2 Devon Street was purchased by the Bank on 16 July 1881 for 880 pounds and new premises were erected and occupied by the end of October 1883. These premises were extended in 1916 but by 1925 had again become too small so were demolished. New premises were erected and occupied by early 1927.

These premises were vacated by the bank on April 21, 1986 and were

demolished in April 1987 to make way for new bank premises.

These new premises will be occupied by the former Commercial Bank of Australia limited which opened a branch in New Plymouth on June 22, 1922 at its present site, 25 Devon Street. The first premises for that bank had been built for the bank and leased until the bank purchased the building in 1946. Extensive alterations were carried out in the late 1950s.

In 1967 the bank purchased the adjoining property at 27 Devon Street

and in 1973 moved into temporary premises while the two buildings were demolished and a new one erected. The new premises were occupied on June 24, 1976.

On May 16, 1988 the new premises at 2 Devon Street will again be occupied by a Westpac Branch when the 25 Devon Street Branch moves in. This relocated branch will be renamed Devon Mall.

The former Westpac occupants at 2 Devon Street moved to 196 Devon Street in April 1986 and this branch will be known as New Plymouth.