

£5060 Raised In Appeal For Hall At Manaia

New sub-committees established.

Five thousand and sixty pounds was the result up to last night of the canvass in the Manaia district on Friday conducted by the Manaia hall reconstruction committee, according to the committee's chairman, Mr. R. L. Bennett.

A representative meeting of local bodies, sports bodies and the previously elected reconstruction committee on Monday night approved in principle the plan prepared for the reconstruction of the hall by Mr. J. W. Brimblecombe. This plan would improve the hall's facilities but would use the remaining portion of the hall still available, it was pointed out.

Mr. Bennett said the work done so far culminated in the wonderful response to the appeal, which had been spread well over the district and had even been supported by unsolicited donations from people outside the area settled on for the appeal. He said that the obvious pride and effort of the community must be justified by the elected committee's not letting up on the work undertaken.

The temporary committee formed immediately after the fire on the morning of Saturday, June 20, then resigned, but made its members available for re-election by the meeting.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Bennett; secretary, Miss B. Monteith; treasurer, Mr. W. Armitage.

Sub-committees were:—Demolition supervisor, Mr. G. Edwards, with Messrs E. W. N. Buist and W. Pease; re-construction, Messrs. Brimblecombe, C. M. Jeromson, Edwards, E. Long and H. Corkill; furnishings, Messrs Armitage, E. G. Lambert and L. Jones; publicity, Messrs. Bennett and W. Whalen; finance, to consist of three representatives of the Manaia Town Board, the Waimate West County Council and Mr. Bennett; executive, to consist of one representative of each sub-committee and the chairman, secretary and treasurer.