

Leeton Presbyterian Memorial Church

Wednesday, March 24th was an historic date for the Leeton Presbyterian Church. On this day a Congregational meeting was held and it was unanimously decided that the time was ripe to call tenders for the erection of the Memorial Church.

Plans as prepared by the Church architect (Mr. Finley Munro) depict a very beautiful building in red brick with a graceful tower and spire rising at the northern or front portion of the building. The length of the church is 83 feet and there will be seating capacity for 250 persons. It is very well appointed inside with a Minister's room 13' x 12' 6" and a choir room 13' x 13' on either side at the rear of the building. These two rooms being connected by a passageway.

The whole structure has a strong artistic appeal and when completed it will be a building of which Leeton will be enormously proud.

The members of Leeton Presbyterian, particularly the Guild Ladies, have been working hard for many years towards the fulfilment of their dream of a new church and now that it has advanced to the stage where they can call tenders their enthusiasm is infectious. During these years whilst the Building Fund has grown, so also has the membership of the church and the Sunday School has increased to such an extent that its work is seriously hampered by the cramped conditions under which it operates. This fact alone was a very strong inducement towards going ahead immediately with the new building operations.

Complete plans and specifications are now available and in the hands of Rev. H. G. Durbin. It is proposed to call tenders as soon as possible and proceed with the work. The extent to which the work will proceed will depend on available funds and the architect has provided three alternative schemes to meet this contingency. The first one is the brick vestibule and

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It was realised by the meeting that the erection of the complete church would cost a good deal more than the funds which were available at the moment and the committee proposed to make an intensive drive for finance during the next few months. It is known that there are many people who had postponed a donation towards this fund awaiting a definite starting date and it is hoped that this money will now become available. It was suggested that interest free loans should also be sought and these could be repaid as funds become available.