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# Work on Construction New Post Office Building to Commence This Month

The contract for the construction of a postal station in Elmwood has been awarded Mr. G. A. Baert, contractor, Norwood, his figure being \$23,984. The estimate of the cost of the building was evidently quite keen, particularly among the lower tenderers, and only three dollars separated the lowest tender and the next highest. Mr. Baert expects to commence work on the construction of the building before the end of the month.

The building will be of two storeys and basement, stone and brick construction, with a frontage of 37-feet on Kelvin st. by 57-feet. The foundation will be of concrete, with a tar and gravel flat roof. It is learned that, in addition to the main entrance on Kelvin st. there will be an entrance on McIntosh ave. The building will be heated with hot water.

Mr. Baert estimates the building will be completed in from three to four-months' time.

# New Post Office Building On Kelvin St. Completed

**Two-Storey Brick Building Makes  
Imposing Acquisition — Order  
for Post Office Fittings and  
Furnishings Not Yet Placed**

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Construction of the handsome new Post Office building on the north corner of Kelvin st. and McIntosh ave. has been completed. The building was erected at a cost of approximately \$24,000. This does not include the cost of the post office fittings, the contract for which has not yet been awarded.

It will be recalled that about 1914 a site was purchased by the Crown at the intersection of Talbot ave. and Stadacona st. and held for the erection, at some time in the future, of a post office building. Following the building expansion which the later years witnessed, the site became less suited, in point of centrality. The Post Office department thus recommended the Government to secure a location in the west end of the community. This was arranged by a transfer of property with the City of Winnipeg.

The new building has a frontage of 37-ft. on Kelvin st., with a depth of 57-ft. The building is of two storeys and full basement, in which is installed the steam heating plant, storage space, etc.

The entrance to the main floor is on Kelvin st. The public lobby, to the front, runs the full width of the building, and is 12-ft. deep. Here will be arranged wickets for general delivery, mail order, parcel boxes and the usual services.

The remaining space of the main floor, 35-ft. by approximately 24-ft., will be used by the post office staff, entrances, stairway, mail receiving lobby and lavatory.

The street mail receiving box is located in the centre of the building, on McIntosh. The approach to same is by steps and concrete platform.

The floor in the public space is of terrazzo, made up of vari-color marble chips.

The second floor is approached by stairway erected along the east or rear wall. In the upper storey are arranged the living quarters for the caretaker and further office space.

The structure is of reinforced concrete footings, the basement walls also being of concrete. Above the level of the main storey the exterior walls are of solid brick, trimmed with Tyndall stone and faced with tapestry brick of variegated tints, jointed in white mortar.

The exterior appearance is very pleasing and the building in its entirety not only reflects creditably upon the Public Works Department at Ottawa, but upon the chief architect as designer and the contractor, Gerard A. Baert, St. Boniface.

Mr. J. R. Marion was clerk of works during the construction of the building.