

# The New Market House Will be a Model of Excellence

This Clearing House for Food Products will Result in  
even Better Health to the Community.

### WILL HELP FARMERS AND TRUCKERS.

Elizabeth City is to have a new municipal market, the plans for which have been made 12 months. Bonds have been sold for the building, which will be an architectural model, of dimensions not to be outgrown under ordinary conditions even at Elizabeth City's present rate of expansion within ten years or longer, and of facilities, not excelled in any market house in the South. The refrigerating plant alone will cost ten thousand dollars, it is said.

The architects are Mitchell & Wilcox. The structure that will be erected under their supervision will be of brick finished in terra cotta and of fireproof construction. It is designed with especial attention to sanitation, as every modern market is designed. Display cases are to be installed for domestic meats, game, poultry, fish, oysters dairy and farm products, etc., and the fresh foods will thus be attractively exhibited as well as kept in the best of condition. The cold storage plant in the house will be a real feature. The refrigerating machinery intended to be installed is of the very latest patterns, economical in the space it will occupy and very efficient in operation. Freezing tempera-

ture will be maintained in the cold storage rooms at all seasons. The refrigerating compartments will be located handily to the stalls. The building, of course, will be under the supervision of the city health department to a great extent. Betsy realizes just what the Russell Sage Foundation recently told the city authorities of Springfield Ill., at the conclusion of an exhaustive economic survey of that typical Western municipality—that to increase its health rate and preserve the lives of its citizens, it is necessary for a town to spend money, a sufficiency of money. The Picture City of Eastern Carolina is spending a reasonable amount of money to decrease its mortality rate, and the investment is proving an excellent one.

Architect Mitchell says of the new market: "It will be a surprise to know that a large part of the cost of a modern market is taken up by the equipment," referring particularly in this instance to the refrigerating plant. The cold storage compartments "will be built of compressed cork," and refrigeration can be accomplished at a much less cost in comparison than it can in smaller plants. The meat compart-

ments will be twice in number and so arranged that supplies can be taken in from the rear. The building will contain a public space running continuously around three sides, with doors at each corner. The exterior will be of plain but imposing appearance, and the structure will be one of the city's "show places" when completed.

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companies of the friendly sort until it comes down to a matter of prize money at a tournament when the competition is just of the right kind. There is no possibility for Elizabeth City's waterworks getting out of whack, needless to say so that all in all the municipality is splendidly equipped to keep the Fire Demon from running amok.

The personnel is excellent. The members of the companies are picket men, and there are not enough of them to hamper the operation of the department when it gets on the job. They are volunteers with two or three exceptions. Promptness is the way Elizabeth City firemen keep down the loss.

The department was organized in 1873, when the old Albenarle Fire Company came into being. It holds many records made at firemen's competitions for quick steaming and long distance throwing. On one occasion, from the time the match was touched to the fuel until a stream was thrown from the nozzle at the end of forty eight feet of hose, just three minutes and two seconds elapsed. The men hold weekly meetings and stay in constant practice. They are an enthusiastic lot of workers.

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