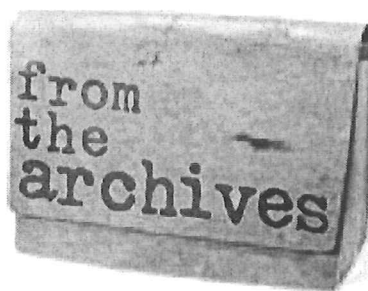




Price of progress – 1985 style

This gracious old house, built in the late 19th century for the mother of prominent Taranaki businessman Newton King, was demolished in June of 1985 to make way for construction of a new three-storey office block.

The article accompanying this photograph in the *Taranaki Daily News* reported that contractor A J Cowley Ltd was given just two days to remove the



Powderham St building. "Built of heart rimu, matai and other native timbers, it did not have a Historic Places Trust classification and by this afternoon will be little more than firewood, dumped at the city's rubbish tip," wrote the

reporter.

The \$2.5 million office building built in its place was initially known as Arthur Young House because it was leased by the accountancy firm of that name.