

forcing house, for growing bedding-out plants and other flowers for the decoration of the gardens.

The gardens are now open during the summer months to all who may desire to visit them, from six in the morning until eight o'clock at night—after which hour the Directors have the right under their agreement with the city, to charge an admission fee to those attending weekly promenade concerts or other performances given for the benefit of the Society.

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

This large edifice, the largest in Toronto, is situated in the western portion of the city, on Queen Street, two miles and a half from the Central Market. It is located on a level plain, on a part of the old Garrison Common, known as the Ordnance Land. Its front measures (veranda included) 644 feet. The building is four stories high. The basement contains the apparatus of the establishment, such as kitchens, heating furnaces, bakery, store rooms, tailor shop, &c. The floors above the basement are appropriated to the patients and their medical attendants. Two very large wings have been added to this institution, and it now ranks third, in point of size and population, on the continent of America. The grounds adjoining the Asylum are highly cultivated, the ornamental part is very neatly kept, and adds very much to the enjoyment of the patients. At present there are in the Asylum proper, and the two adjacent hospitals over 500 patients.

The Institution is under the direction of Daniel Clarke, Esq., M.D., the Medical Superintendent, assisted by a competent staff.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE, OR PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION BUILDING.

This very handsome structure presents an admirable likeness to its great prototype of Hyde Park. The outline is very nearly the same, and the transepts are produced in miniature with excellent effect.

The site of the building is on the Ordnance Reserve, directly south of the Lunatic Asylum. The structure is principally composed of cast iron and glass, and the roof is covered with tin. The total length of the building is 256 feet, and its extreme width 141 feet, which includes a covered entrance 32 feet by 16 feet, on the southern front.

The Crystal Palace was erected by the Board of Agriculture for Upper Canada, as a permanent structure, in which to hold the yearly Provincial Exhibition of Agricultural Products. The