

The Trowel was beautifully carved, having the armorial bearings of the EARL OF ELGIN—the handle of ivory, being ornamented with a Coronet wrought in Silver. The following is the inscription on the Trowel :—

THE CHIEF CORNER STONE
OF

THE NORMAL AND MODEL SCHOOLS FOR UPPER CANADA,
WAS LAID ON

Wednesday, the Second day of July, 1851,

IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN
OF

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA,
BY

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.T.,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

On the reverse was :—

PRESENTED

TO

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.T.,

BY

THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

FOR

UPPER CANADA,

Toronto, 2nd of July, 1851.

His Excellency and the Council of Public Instruction then descended to the stone, where the inscription on the plate was read by JOSEPH C. MORRISON, Esq., M. P. P., as follows :—

THIS

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GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, &c., &c.

IN THE PRESENCE OF

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
THE MAYOR, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF TORONTO.

THIS INSTITUTION,

ERECTED BY THE ENLIGHTENED LIBERALITY OF PARLIAMENT,
IS DESIGNED FOR THE

INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF SCHOOL TEACHERS UPON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

The Council of Public Instruction, for Upper Canada :

The Reverend EGERTON RYERSON, D. D., *Chief Superintendent of Schools,*
The Honorable SAMUEL BEALY HARRISON, Q. C., *Chairman.*

The Rt. Reverend A. F. M. DE CHARBONNEL, D. D., *Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto,*
The Reverend HENRY JAMES GRASSETT, A. M.

JOSEPH CURRAN MORRISON, Esq., M. P. P.
HUGH SCOBIE, Esq.

JAMES SCOTT HOWARD, Esq.

The Reverend JOHN JENNINGS.

The Reverend ADAM LILLIE.

JOHN GEORGE HODGINS, Esq., *Recording Clerk.*

FREDERIC W. CUMBERLAND, and THOMAS RIDOUT, Esquires, *Architects.*
Messrs. METCALFE, WILSON & FORBES, *Contractors.*

A Bottle containing the following :—

1. Report on a system of Public Elementary Instruction for Upper Canada, 1846.
2. Journal of Education for August, 1849, containing the Annual Report of the Normal, Model and Common Schools in Upper Canada, for 1847, containing an account of the opening of the Normal School in November, 1847.
3. Common School Act, 7th Victoria, chapter 20.
4. Common School Act, 9th Victoria, chapter 20.
5. Common School Act, 10th and 11th Victoria, chapter 19.
6. Common School Act, 13th and 14th Victoria, chapter 48, with Forms, Regulations, Instructions, and Circulars.
7. Parchment copy of the Inscription on the Plate deposited in the cavity of the Corner Stone.
8. Journal of Education for May, 1848, containing an account of the first Examination of the Normal School.
9. Programme of the last Examination of the Normal and Model Schools, ending 31st May, 1851.
10. Journal of Education for May, 1851, containing an account of the last Examination.
11. Scobie's Almanac for 1851.
12. Programme of the ceremony observed at laying the Chief Corner Stone of the Normal School, and Engraving of Building.
13. Sundry silver and copper coins.
14. Different denominations of Canadian postage stamps.

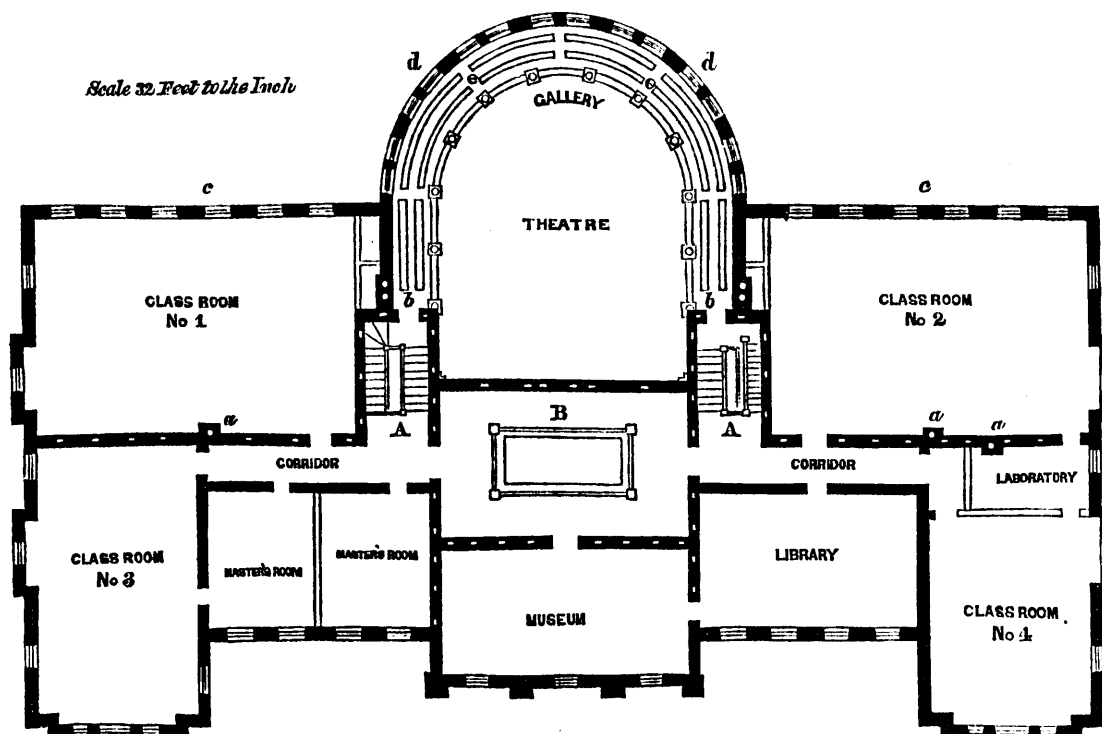
was handed by HUGH SCOBIE, Esq., to His EXCELLENCY, who deposited it in the cavity of the stone prepared for it; the Inscription Plate was placed; and His EXCELLENCY having spread the mortar with his trowel, the stone was then formally lowered to its bed—His EXCELLENCY saying, "I declare this Stone to be the Chief Corner Stone of the Normal and Model Schools for Upper Canada." Mr. CUMBERLAND, the Architect, then handed His EXCELLENCY the Square and Mallet, which he applied to the stone in the usual way on such occasions.

Cheers were given for the Queen, for the Governor General, and for the Council of Public Instruction; in the midst of which His EXCELLENCY and the Countess of ELGIN, accompanied by the Council of Public Instruction, retired, followed by the principal visitors.

The proceedings closed at half-past one.

After the ceremony, Mr. CUMBERLAND, the Architect, entertained the Council of Public Instruction and a large number of distinguished guests, including Clergymen, Members of the Government, and both branches of the Legislature, &c., &c., at luncheon.

Fig. 3.



SECOND FLOOR—NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

(For description, see next page.)