

they have a surplus in the exchequer of some \$5,000,000, with every indication of a prolonged period of prosperity for the province. The Hon. Oliver is now in his 64th year, and during his administration has had some formidable difficulties to encounter and surmount before accomplishing the present happy aspect of his progressive ideas. In person he is a pleasant, affable gentleman, whose benignity of countenance and courteousness of demeanour is ever remembered by those who have the pleasure of meeting him. In the Assembly he appears young and vivacious, quick at grasping the point in question, and vigorous in attack; his form erect, and his bearing courtly and dignified, with a frank and genial way that has endeared him to the hearts and won the respect and friendship of the whole community, a majority of whom still hope to see their favorite exalted to the premiership of the nation. Toronto boasts of some fine and even elegant public buildings, such as Osgoode Hall and the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor, the University, Cathedral, Colleges, Custom House, Post Office, and Churches of all denominations.

On arrival, headquarters are at once established at the Rossin House, and arrangements entered into to fully enjoy the well-known hospitality of the genial whole-souled host, Mark H. Irish. The hotel itself is the equal in every respect of the most pretentious that grace the various cities of the Dominion, and is an evidence of the untiring energy and strict attention on the part of the proprietor to the comfort of his guests, that has enabled it to attain its present popularity. The building covers the entire block facing on King and York Streets, in the business centre of the city, within a minute's walk of the Railway Station, and the Lake, and furnishes accommodation for 500 visitors. Like the Grand Hotel, at Paris, or the Fifth Avenue, New York, it contains a veritable town within its confines; every article needed for comfort or adornment can be procured from the stores that cluster around its base, whilst every detail of the hotel itself has been finished in as great perfection as modern science and art can suggest. The imposing marble-paved offices; steam from the heaters taking away insensibly the chill or dampness of morn and evening; the broad walnut stairways, inviting vestibules, and magnificent drawing rooms, elegantly furnished parlors and dining-hall, where hundreds can fully satisfy the appetite on the fruits of the tropics, or the products of the Arctic Circle, which only the trip across the Lake and the clear and bracing Canadian atmosphere can sharpen, where every conceivable wish or taste of the visitor has been studiously provided for to please and entrance the sense.