

TORONTO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY BUILDINGS

Contributors voting the extra money

Old and New

..... \$ 838,061 00

..... 7,900 00

..... 21,212 00

..... 82,374 00

..... 91,150 00

..... 34,450 00

\$1,075,147 00

..... \$ 140,887 00

..... 80,000 00

..... 25,000 00

..... 75,000 00

\$1,405,034 00

Amount for plumbing. An amount
expected will be amply sufficient to

..... \$1,405,034 00

expenses of

..... 227,000 00

..... \$1,632,034 00

..... 1,050,000 00

..... \$ 582,034 00

Necessity for proceeding with the
prepared by the City Solicitor,

Authorized to provide the means
to be erected within the City of
assent of the electors thereto.

2nd. By the Act, 48 Victoria, Chap. 72, an agreement made between the City and the County of York, dated 26th June, 1884, was declared to be valid and binding upon the Corporation.

3rd. By the agreement (which is set out in the schedule to the last mentioned Act), the City binds itself forthwith to proceed with the selection of a site, and to proceed to erect a suitable Court House thereon, which was to be fully completed and ready for use within three years and six months from the date of the agreement (*i.e.*, on the 26th Dec., 1887). The City further agreed to bear the whole cost of the purchase of the site and erection of the Court House; and the County was only bound to pay a part of the cost of the site and building when the cost exceeds \$400,000; and yet in fixing the annual sum to be paid by the County, the cost of the site and building is only to be taken at \$400,000. The County's share is to be ascertained by arbitration, as provided by said agreement.

4th. By By-law No. 1627, passed on the 23rd of September, 1885, \$300,000 was directed to be raised for the purpose of procuring a site and erecting the Court House.

5th. By the Act, 50 Victoria, Chap. 72, the City is authorized to make an agreement with any Bank or person to obtain temporary advances to carry out the agreement hereinbefore set forth, and to pass By-laws for the issue of debentures to repay the amount of temporary loans or advances; and it is thereby declared not to be necessary to obtain the assent of the electors to the passing of any such By-law or By-laws; provided the same are approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. But the amount authorized to be borrowed under such By-law or By-laws is not to exceed \$425,000, in addition to the amount theretofore authorized. By such last mentioned Act, it is enacted that no indictment or other proceeding shall be instituted or prosecuted against the County in respect of the existing Court House accommodation; and after the passing of this Act the County was not to be responsible for any default in providing accommodation for the Courts. It is also enacted that the time for the completion of the Court House is extended to the 26th June, 1889; and that it is declared to be the duty of the City to proceed with the erection of the same, and to complete the same as speedily as possible within the above extended time; and the City alone is to be responsible for failure to provide suitable accommodation.

6th. By By-law 1807, passed on the 25th April, 1887, \$400,000 is authorized to be raised by way of further cost in the matter of the erection of said Court House—this By-law provides that it shall be submitted to the vote of the electors.

7th. By By-law 1808, \$350,000 is also authorized to be raised for erecting the City Hall with the Court House.

The legal position then of the City seems to be:—

(1.) That the City is bound to have a Court House completed on or before the 26th June, 1889, and in default thereof is liable to be indicted.

(2.) That the County of York Law Association has threatened to lay such an indictment if the City fails to have the Court House proceeded with before the 26th June next.

(3.) That if such an indictment is laid against the City, the probability is that the judge before whom it would be brought will direct a large fine to be paid by the City for not erecting the Court House according to the terms of its agreement; and he will likely make the fine larger because of this agreement being still in existence, and no effort having been made to carry out the provisions thereof.

