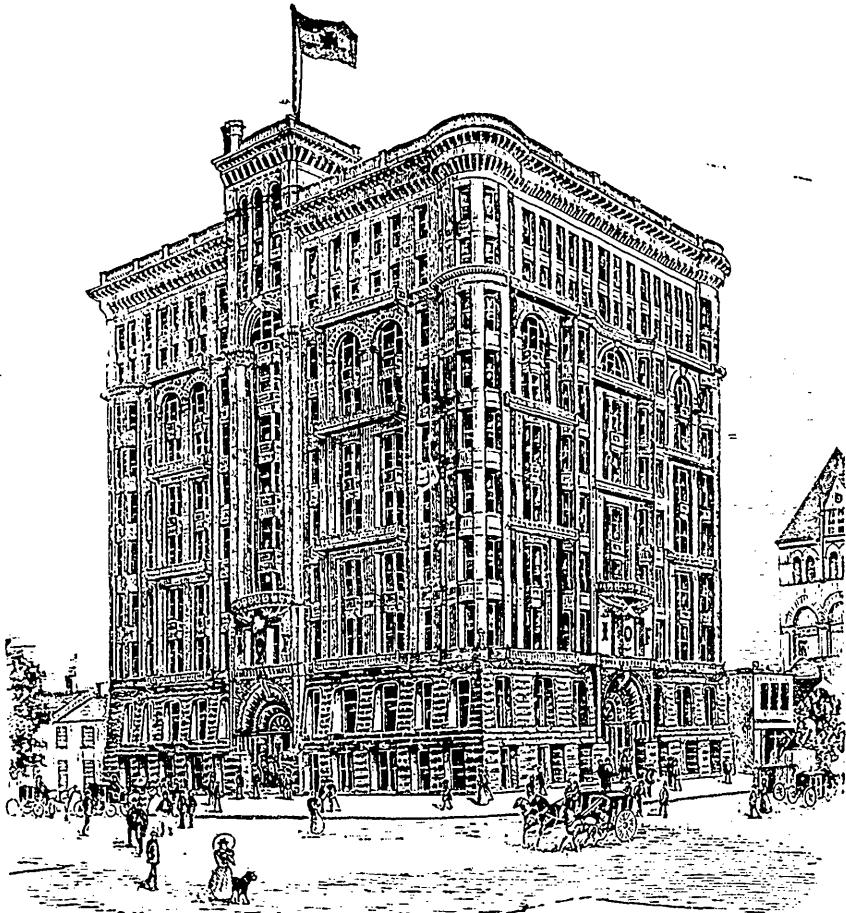


“TEMPLE BUILDING.”



The accompanying illustration represents the magnificent Temple Building at the corner of Bay and Richmond Streets, Toronto, now approaching completion for the Independent Order of Foresters. To say that the building has been erected, and is now being finished, under the supervision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, furnishes a sufficient guarantee that it will be, if not the best, certainly among the best and most complete of its kind in the Dominion. The erection of this handsome edifice was commenced in the spring of 1895, the corner-stone being laid by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, on the 30th of May in that year, since which time the work has been prosecuted with vigor, and it is expected that the building will be ready to receive its tenants within a couple of months.

How it is Built.

The first two storeys are built of Credit Valley brown stone, and the remaining eight storeys of brownish-red brick, trimmed throughout with Credit Valley and Connecticut brown stone. The

foundations and the walls in thickness and strength are sufficient to sustain a building of considerably greater height. The whole structure is lined with, and the steel construction therein is wholly protected by, fireproof porous terra-cotta of superior manufacture. As a matter of fact, the whole building will be as thoroughly fireproof as modern science can make it, there being nothing to burn except the window-frames and sashes.

The main elevator shaft will contain two of the most modern and up-to-date elevators that can be procured, and they will be the largest in the city. This shaft is separated from the rest of the building by solid brick partition walls, with steel fireproof sliding doors, while the floors within it will be of tile. It will thus be seen that there is nothing about the elevators that can burn. There is to be a second elevator shaft in the rear of the building, which will be likewise isolated and completely fireproofed. The stairs will be of steel, slate and marble.

The roof is composed of fireproof terra-cotta and tiles laid in cement; and the architect affirms that any number of bonfires could be built thereon