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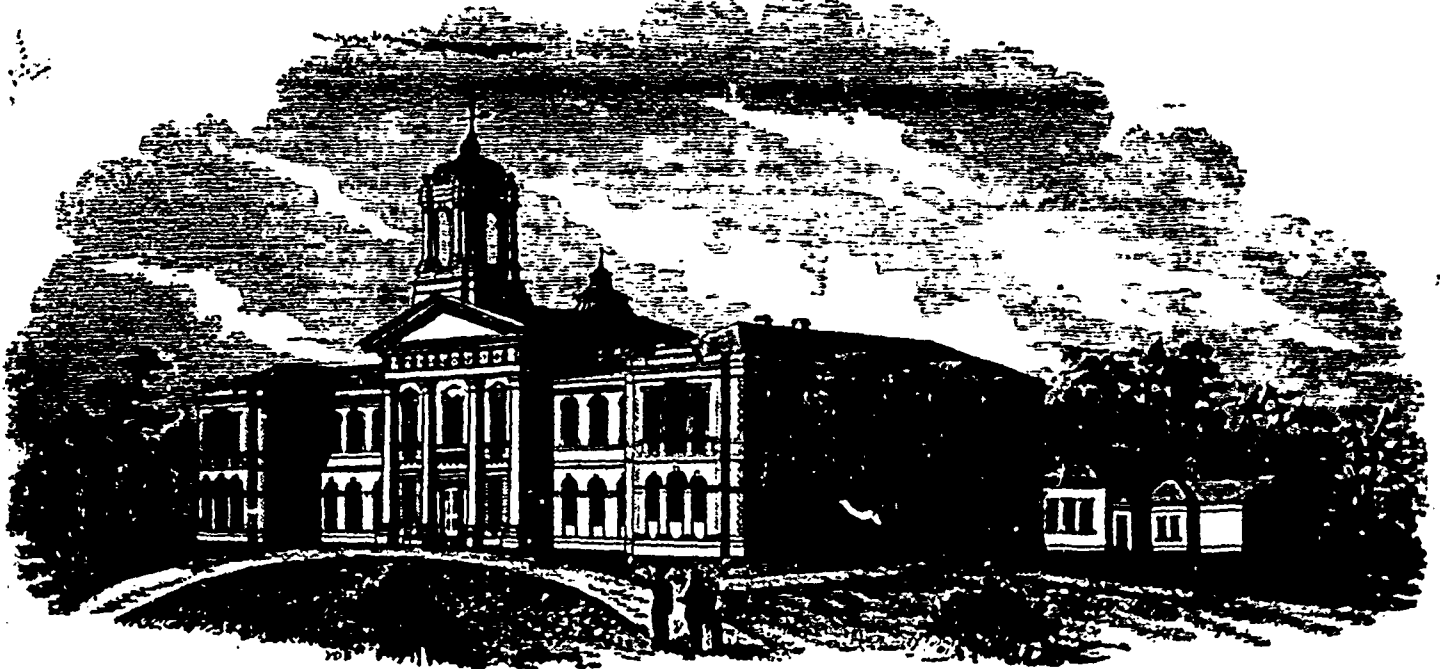
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THE NORMAL AND MODEL SCHOOLS, AND EDUCATION OFFICES OF UPPER CANADA.



OPENING OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The ceremony of publicly opening the New Normal and Model Schools for Upper Canada took place on Wednesday evening last, amidst the greatest interest and enthusiasm. The beautiful and ample theatre was filled by a brilliant assemblage. The admission was by ticket to prevent confusion, and as a necessary consequence, the greatest order and regularity prevailed. During the day the buildings were visited by many persons, some from the lively interest they took in seeing the structure so nearly completed, others with a view to obtain tickets for the evening ceremony. Numbers were disappointed in not obtaining tickets, as the demand was much larger than the accommodation could supply.

We are enabled, through the politeness of the Superintendent, to present our readers with a Perspective View of this magnificent pile of buildings. They are an ornament to the city of Toronto; and if the purpose they are intended to serve be faithfully carried out, they will doubtless prove a blessing to the Province at large. They have been erected on the most approved plan, and at the same time in the most economical manner. The entire cost, including the purchase of seven and a half acres of land, in what before many years will be the heart of the city, will not exceed \$17,200. The land itself is worth upwards of \$1000 per acre. The site is the centre of an

open square, bounded on the east by Church Street, on the south by Gould Street, on the west by Victoria Street, and on the north by Gerrard Street. For the information of persons who may not be acquainted with these new streets, we would observe that this locality is a few rods east from Yonge Street, and about three quarters of a mile from the Bay. The elevated position of the buildings commands a fine view of the City, Bay, Island, and Lake; and, altogether, we do not believe a better or more convenient site could possibly have been selected.

The above cut represents the appearance of the Normal and Model Schools as seen from Church Street, in a south-easterly direction. The Main Building faces Gould Street to the south. It has a frontage of 184 feet 4 inches, and is 85 feet 4 inches deep. The design of the building has been rather for utility than effect, still a fitness of decoration has been observed, in good keeping with the object of the erection. The front is in the Roman Doric order of Palladian character, having for its centre four pilasters of the full height of the building, with pediment surmounted by an open doric cupola 95 feet in height. The Offices of the Department are on the ground floor of the main structure. The Theatre or Examination Hall is on the ground floor of this building, surrounded by a gallery, and lighted from the roof. It will accommodate between 600 and 700 persons. The east side of the building is appropriated for the use of male students, and the west for females; and except when in the presence of the masters, they are entirely separated.

The number and size of the rooms on the ground floor is as follows:—

On the East Side:—

School of Art and Design, No. 1	37	0	x	28	0
School of Art and Design, No. 2	30	5	x	28	0
Male Students' Retiring Room	30	0	x	30	0
Council Room	39	0	x	22	0
Male Students' Staircase	17	6	x	11	0

On the West Side:—

Waiting Room	22	8	x	14	8
Ante-Room	22	0	x	14	3
Chief Superintendent's Room	28	0	x	21	0
Depository for Books, Maps, &c.	28	0	x	21	0
Depository for Apparatus, &c.	22	8	x	14	8
Female Students' Retiring Room	30	0	x	26	10
Recording Clerk's Office, with fire-proof vault	37	11	x	22	0
Second Clerk's Office	22	0	x	14	3
Female Students' Staircase	17	6	x	11	0

The Model School buildings are in the rear of the main structure, and are approached by corridors from each side of the theatre. There is also an entrance from the east for boys, and from the west for girls. There are spacious yards on each side of the Model School for the recreation of the scholars. These yards are planked over, and well furnished with suitable contrivances for gymnastic exercise. The Model School is 175 feet 6 inches by 89 feet 6 inches, with two school rooms 56 feet 6 inches, by 23 feet, and capable together of accommodating 600 pupils. There are several smaller class rooms fitted with every convenience for the comfort and instruction of the scholars. In some of these, intended for the explanation of maps,