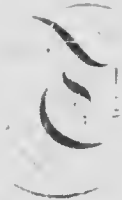




The Empress Hotel




THE EMPRESS HOTEL, the latest creation of the C. P. R., is situated looking west over the shores of James Bay. The entrance for carriages and passengers arriving via C. P. R. Steamboats is at the extreme south end of the building which is protected from the weather by a very handsome stone Porte Cochere. A flight of some eight or ten steps admits to the Office. This Office contains besides the usual accommodation for the clerks and the public a Cloak Room, Cigar Stand and the Manager's Office.



THIS panelled 7 feet high in English Oak, stained a dark brown and the beams and stained glass are arranged to give the effect of an old English Hall. One of the principal features is a very handsome staircase ascending to the first floor. At the back of the Office is the light elevator. In front of the office are the electric high-speed passenger elevators. Back of them comes the Ladies' Drawing Room most tastefully furnished in Quaker gray with pink wreaths of roses for decoration.



THE MAIN ROTUNDA on this floor is a large and very light room with two huge fireplaces. The decoration is in yellow. The furniture is green, having embroidered on the back of every chair the spray of Holly which has come to be regarded as the national badge of Victoria. Opening from the Rotunda by wide arch openings is the Palm Garden some 65 ft. square, which, with its yellow glass dome and wide glass windows, will be a delightful resort for afternoon tea.



THE DINING ROOM also opens from the Rotunda. It is entirely panelled and the columns covered with Australian Rose Wood, a hard wood resembling Honduras Mahogany. The floor is also the product of the Australian forests and is known as red bean.