

## ONTARIO BANK, BOWMANVILLE.

The thriving town of Bowmanville is the headquarters of the Ontario Bank, one of the most flourishing of Upper Canada monetary institutions. The Ontario Bank is well represented in Parliament, having its President, Hon. John Simpson, in the Senate, and its Vice-President, J. P. Gibbs, Esq., in the House of Commons. Both are able business men, and to their energy and tact, doubtless, much of the prosperity of the "Ontario" is due. The Village of Bowmanville is one of the most prosperous in Ontario. Situated in the Township of Darlington, in the County of Durham, with Port Darlington on the shore of Lake Ontario, about two miles distant, for a harbour. Nearly forty years ago the town was incorporated, and it is now estimated to have about three thousand inhabitants. The Hon. Mr. Simpson, President of the Ontario Bank, is one of the principal residents of Bowmanville, who has probably done more for its advancement than any other single individual. In and around the town are several excellent water privileges which have been utilised for mills, factories, &c.

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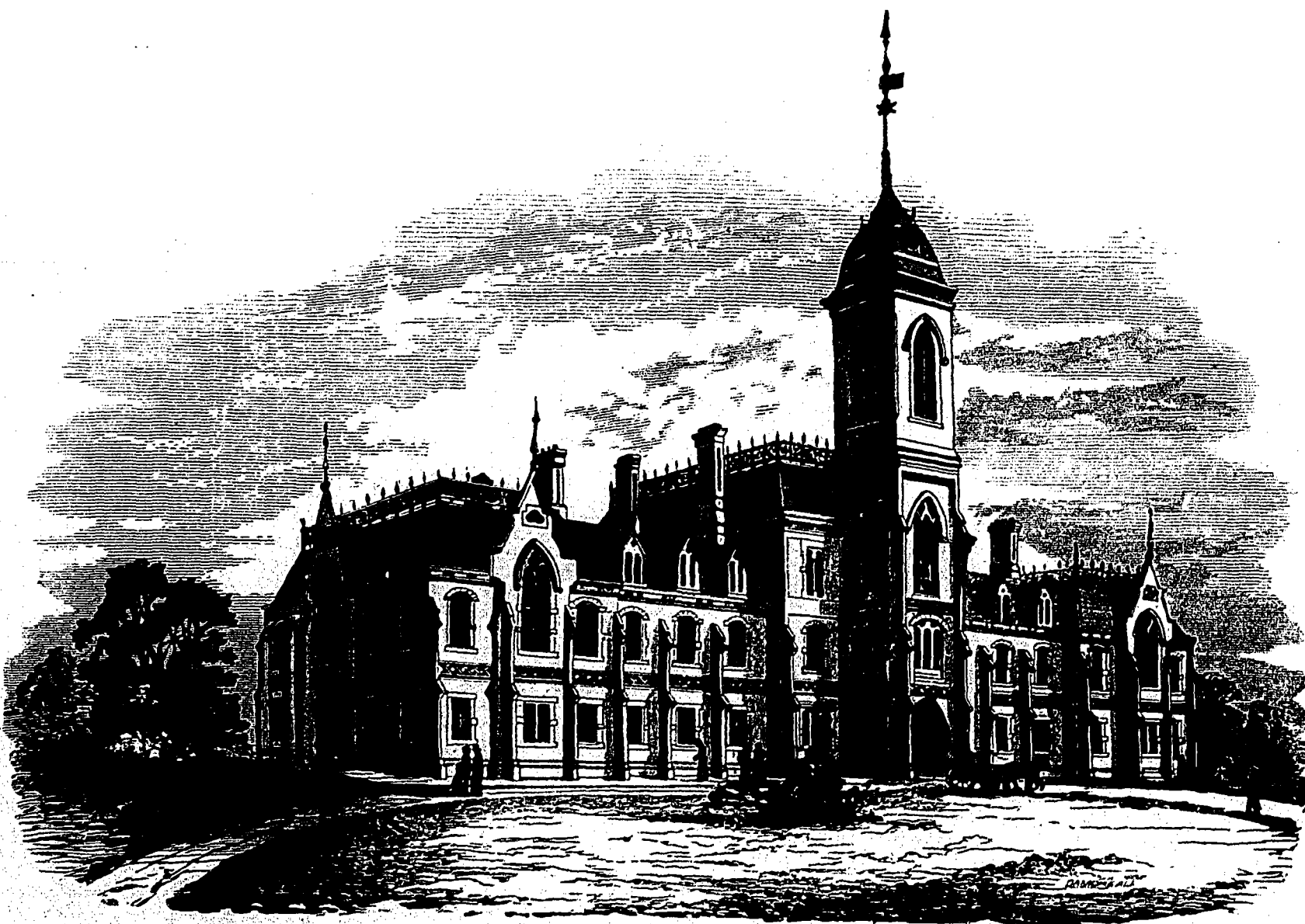
There are, perhaps, few Canadian towns that present so many evidences of energy and prosperity than the county town of Brantford. Not only is it a thriving commercial seat, celebrated alike for its manufactures and its agriculture, and possessing great natural and geographical advantages, but it also possesses considerable attractions to the lover of nature and art. The situation of the town is admirable, and its streets are decorated with numerous elegantly designed public buildings, the number of which is being continually increased. In this respect it is, perhaps, unsurpassed by any Canadian town of its own size. With a population of 9,000, it possesses as many as ten churches, besides neat county buildings, including Court House and Registry, all stone built. There is also a Widows' Home and a Girls' Orphan Home, besides a number of extensive manufactories. To this list must now be added the Institution for the Blind, of which we give a view in this issue.

The site chosen for the building—one of the most convenient and picturesque in the neighbouring country—is a plot of over sixty-five acres, adjoining the western limits of the town, south of the line of the Grand Trunk, and known as Digby Place. It commands a most extensive view to the west and south, and overlooks the town, the principal buildings of which are south-east of the site, about one mile distant. Immediately below the elevated plateau, on which the building will be erected, an unfailing spring of water will be available for water-supply to the Institution, and access to the Grand River is secured by a road thirty-three feet in width, along which the drains from the building and lot can be made. On the bank of the river there is an acre of land for the erection of any buildings that may be required. The foundations of the institution have been built in the centre of the plateau, and the principal entrance will be on St. George's Road, opposite Palmer-



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ston Avenue, at which a brick lodge will be constructed, inside the gates. From the front entrance, opposite Palmerston Avenue, to the building, the approach will be by a gravelled, circular road, forty feet in width, with side-walks ten feet in width on each side. The building is designed in the "Tudor style," adapted to modern requirements—a style which now prevails in England, the only innovation being the application of the "Mansard" roof, by which more convenient rooms will be available in the third storeys, and afford additional height in the centre building and the wings. The front will have a south-eastern aspect, will be two hundred and twenty feet in extent, divided into a centre building and wings. The centre building will be seventy feet in depth, fifty feet in width, and three storeys in height. The centre projecting tower will be seventeen feet square and four storeys in height, ninety-five feet from the ground line to the cornice, and forty-five feet to the top of the iron vane—in all one hundred and forty feet. Each wing will be seventy feet by forty feet, and two storeys in height, connected with the centre by intermediate buildings, forty feet in length and fifty-four feet in depth, and three storeys in height. The front building will contain the reception, matron's, steward's, teacher's, and classrooms, libraries and lavatories on the ground floor; Superintendent's apartments, teachers' class-rooms and dormitories, baths and water-closets, in the second floor, and the music hall, dormitories, tank-rooms, &c., in the Mansard roofs, as before stated, on the third floor. The dormitory accommodation will be sufficient for one hundred pupils. A staircase will be constructed for visitors to gain access to the fourth storey of the tower, from which an extensive view of the surrounding country can be obtained. The rear will consist of a centre building, 75 feet by 33 feet, and wings 50 feet by 20—the whole three storeys high laid out in dining-rooms, pantries, store-rooms and other domestic offices. The Institution will, when completed, afford accommodation for one hundred pupils, which is considered sufficient for the present, and, when increased accommodation is required, it is intended to construct separate dormitory buildings, on the cottage system, the centre building to be then used only for educational purposes. The buildings, which are to be of white brick with cut-stone dressing, are designed by Mr. Kivas Tully, architect, of Toronto.



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LADY MORGAN'S IDEAS ABOUT YOUNG LADIES.—In a *little-a-little* conversation on the subject of some young ladies who had been suddenly bereft of fortune, Lady Morgan said with an emphatic wave of her dear old green fan, "They do everything that is fashionable—*imperfect*; their singing, drawing, and dancing, and languages, amount to nothing. They were educated to marry, and had there been time they might have gone off *with*, and hereafter *from*, husbands. They cannot earn their own salt; they do not even know how to dress themselves. I desire to give *every* girl, no matter her rank, a trade—a *profession*, if the word pleases you better; cultivate what is necessary in the position she is born to; cultivate all things in moderation, but one thing to *perfection*, no matter what it is, for which she has a talent."—*The Friends' Tour and Adventures of Lady Morgan.*