The ground upon which the buildings stand varies somewhat in elevation, that forming the site of the Parliament Building being the highest. The basement floor of the buildings is assumed to be 250 feet above the ordinary summer level of the river, while that of the Eastern and Western blocks is 135 and 142 feet respectively. The increased elevation, however, improves very much the general effect of the buildings.

The main entrance is through the principal tower, the spacious arches of which admit of a carriage way under them. The piers which support the tower are ornamented with pillars of polished Arnprior marble. Passing through it we enter a large hall, paved with tiles, and also surrounded with marble pillars. Ascending and moving towards the left we come to the Chamber of Commons. The Room measures 90 by 45 feet, the ceiling being over 60 feet high, and formed of fine open work. The skylights above this intermediate ceiling, with the stained glass windows at the sides, throw a plentiful soft light over the whole place. The room is surrounded by large piers of a light greyish marble from Portage du Fort, surmounted just above the galleries by clusters of small pillars of the dark Arnprior ; the arches supported by these pillars being again of the light coloured marble. The galleries can accommodate about 1,000 persons. The Gallery for the Reporters are situated above the Speaker's chair.

On the right of the Main entrance, is the Senate Chamber, alike in every particular to that of the Commons. Along the Corridors you see numerous Rooms for Committee, Clerks, Reading and Smoking.

Although the Library is not yet completed, we, nevertheless, give here a sketch of what is intended to be done. The library will be situated in the rear of the Parliament Building, and the plan is of a polygon of sixteen sides, 90 feet in diameter ; outside of the main room is an aisle of one story high, which is formed of a series of small retiring rooms, where persons desiring a few hours of uninterrupted study can secure it. A corridor will connect the Library with the main building : this corridor will be the picture gallery, but is at present used for the Library. The floors of this building, as well as those of the Departmental Buildings, are made of concrete, perfectly fire-proof ; an invention not long adopted in Europe.

The Eastern Block of the Departmental Buildings is of an irregular and picturesque shape. The west front or that which faces the square, is 245 feet, and 319 feet on the south front or that which faces Wellington street, and cover an area of 41,840 superficial feet. In this building are found the Governor General's Office, the Privy Council room, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Militia, the