

this style, being also very necessary in a country so beset with snow; these features, together with the general light and elegant character of its detail, has brought this kind of architecture into great popularity for the best class of private dwellings, and to Mr. Perrault is due the credit of having first introduced into this country, a style of architecture which has added so much to the beauty of our buildings, and met so thoroughly the requirements of our climate. The whole building is 220 feet long by 120 feet deep, and cost somewhere about \$450,000. It contains in the basement the Recorder's Court, with the offices belonging to that department, and also the office of the Chief of Police, guard-room, cells, &c. The ground floor is entirely occupied by the Treasurer's, Assessors' general revenue offices, and the Water department. The second floor contains the Mayor's, Surveyor's and Engineer's offices, also the Council Cham-

ber, a magnificent room occupying two entire stories in height, and running nearly the whole length of the building. The third story is taken up with the carekeeper's room and other minor offices. The main tower is occupied with the Company's Fire Alarm Battery, which connects with all the Fire Stations, Churches and alarms in the city. This is well worth a visit to any one interested in seeing the ingenious manner in which our fire alarm system is worked. The whole building is well lighted, with the large skylight in the upper story being so arranged as to leave large spaces for light in every floor, thereby adding greatly in appearance to the really great height of the building which is about 140 feet to the top of the main tower. The interior of the building is finished throughout with extremely well designed wood work, and the heating and ventilating are certainly all that could be desired.