

facade on St. James Street is highly ornamented with cut stone pillars, pediments and carved portico, while the mansard roof is decorated with richly furnished mouldings. The central tower is to contain a large illuminated clock with immense dial plate. The mansard roof will be of wood and protected with iron and slates. The basement and first floor will be constructed of fire-proof materials, and the entire frame of the building is to be of iron, while the floors will be laid of Baccarini cement, and well traversed with iron for preservation of the valuable contents of the building. It will cost about \$500,000.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK.

Skating is one of the most popular of the amusements pursued by the citizens of Montreal during the winter season. While the river St. Lawrence furnishes room for all who may desire to practice the art, still the violent storms often prevent its being practiced in exposed places.

To provide against this, several private rinks have been erected, the principal one being that known as the Victoria Rink.

The building is 250 feet long by 100