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Retirement of Mr. Fuller.

ADVERTING to the reference contained in our last issue regarding the superannuation allowance of Mr. Thos. Fuller, late chief architect of the Dominion Public Works Department, it has since been learned that it is not Mr. Fuller's intention, as stated in that article, to bring up in Parliament the question of his allowance. We cheerfully make this correction lest the publication of the statement should in any way prejudice Mr. Fuller's chances of receiving an allowance commensurate with his lengthened and valuable services.

Queen's Park Improvements.

THE City Council and citizens of Toronto are to be congratulated upon the transformation which is being effected as the result of recent expenditures for the improvement of Queen's Park. As the site of the Legislative and several university buildings, and surrounded by handsome residences, this park is visited by most travellers who come to the city. It is therefore an important factor towards enhancing or retarding the city's fame. For a number of years past, its condition has been little better than a common, and in consequence the city's reputation has suffered. Last autumn the City Council was induced to appropriate twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars for the improvement of these public grounds. Under the direction of Ald. Hallam, Chairman of the Parks and Gardens Committee, and Mr. Chambers, Superintendent of Parks, this money is apparently being laid out to good advantage, and the park is beginning to assume an appearance which is creditable to the city and in keeping with the character of public grounds in the large cities of America and Europe. It is to be hoped that the citizens will heartily co-operate with the authorities in enhancing and maintaining the beauty of these and other public grounds throughout the city.

Decoration of the New City Buildings at Toronto.

THE City Council of Toronto have declined at present to accept the offer made on behalf of various art societies of a scheme of mural decorations for the new city buildings. Several well known artists, selected by these societies as competent to design and execute work of this character, at the expense of a great deal of thought and effort have elaborated a scheme of decoration which is intended to be illustrative of the history of the city and province. The purpose is that this scheme should be carried out gradually, by native artists, in