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SEVEN CENTS.

ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

THE rapidity with which the aspect of Montreal is changing is really marvellous. Whole streets are being widened at great cost, and hundreds of stores demolished, whilst in their places are springing up magnificent blocks of buildings, which would challenge admiration in any city upon this continent. Everywhere the marks of increasing wealth and solid prosperity are visible, and especially is this true with regard to the public buildings that have been erected in Montreal during the past year or two. These facts are sufficiently evident to every one acquainted with our good city; and we propose, from time to time, to afford our friends at a distance the opportunity of becoming familiar with the more important of those recent structures, which are the pride and ornament of the com-

mercial metropolis of Canada. Our plan will also include buildings in the course of erection, and we commence the series with the fine engraving below.

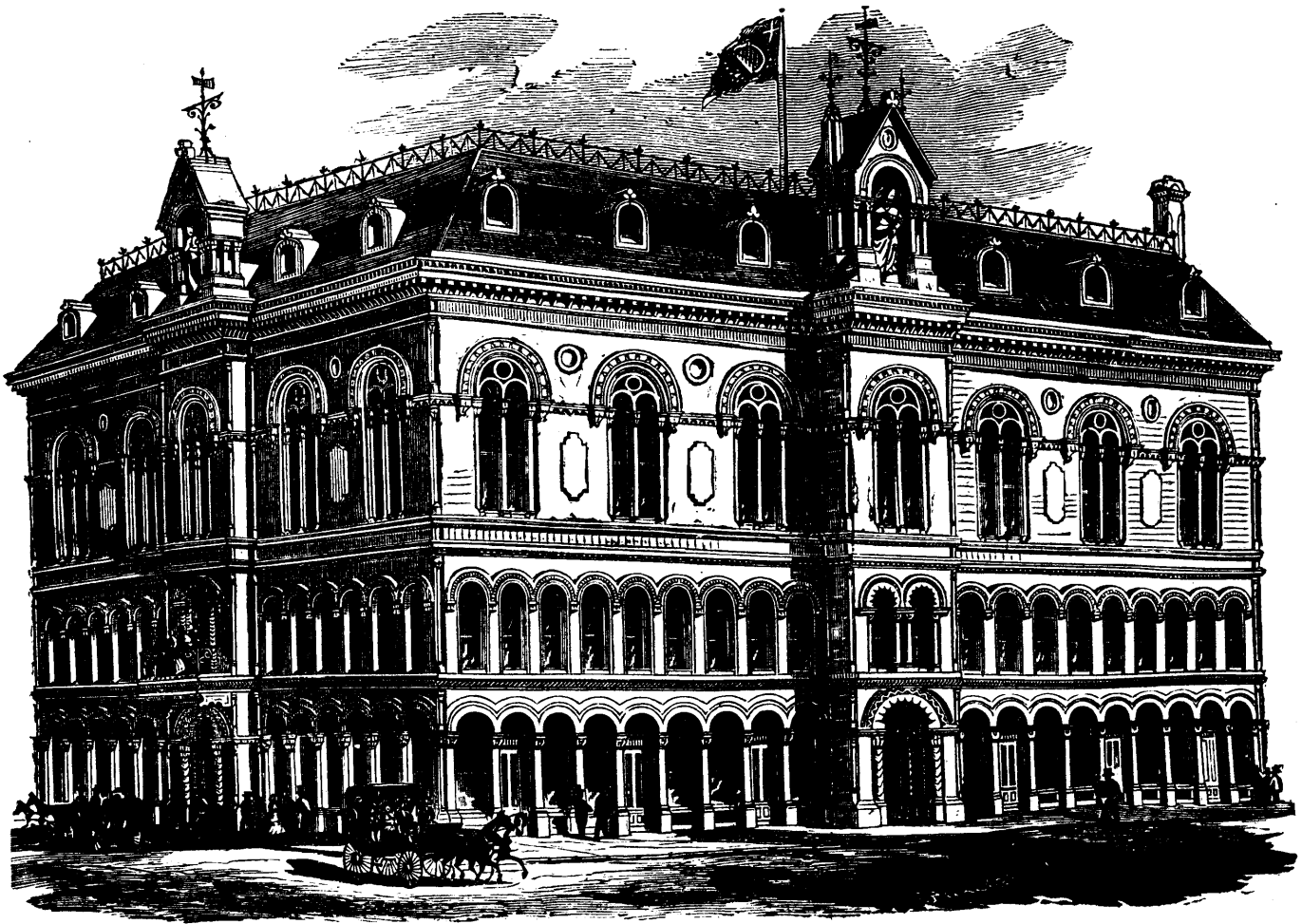
St. Patrick's Hall will be, when completed, a fitting monument of the taste, energy, and patriotism of our Irish fellow-citizens. The building will extend 140 feet on Victoria square, and 100 on Craig street and Fortification lane. It will be 71 feet high to the top of the cornice, and 90 feet to the apex of the roof. In the basement, besides the keeper's department, and the fuel and boiler room for heating the hall by steam, there will be eight cellars that can be rented separately from the shops above, if found advantageous to do so. A convenient entrance will lead to the whole from the rear.

On the ground floor, as may be seen from the engraving, there will be eight first-class shops, varying from 40 to 94 feet in depth—

six shops on Victoria square, and two on Craig street; the whole of which will be furnished with show windows, and every modern convenience.

On the second flat there will be four spacious show rooms, and a large billiard room, all of which will front on the square. To their rear will be a large reading room, and a library, as also a hall 56 by 40 feet for the use of the various Irish societies. Two committee rooms will connect with this hall, and closets for the banners and regalia of the societies renting the hall.

The finest room in the building—probably the finest and most commodious in the Province—will, however, be in the third flat—namely, the GRAND HALL of ST. PATRICK, which will be 134 feet long by 94 feet wide, within the walls, and 46 feet high. Its stage, or platform, will be 52 feet wide, and 25 feet deep, and on either side, and at the ends, will be placed cloak, dressing



ST. PATRICK'S HALL.