

CONCRETE COURT BRIDGE AND WALL—ONTARIO'S NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

To provide for quarters for the Lieutenant-Governor the Province purchased Elmsley House situated on the corner of King and Simcoe streets. It was a comfortable and roomy

frame and roughcast building after the style of many of the old-fashioned houses of the better class of the period. Additions were made to this house from time to time as increased ac-

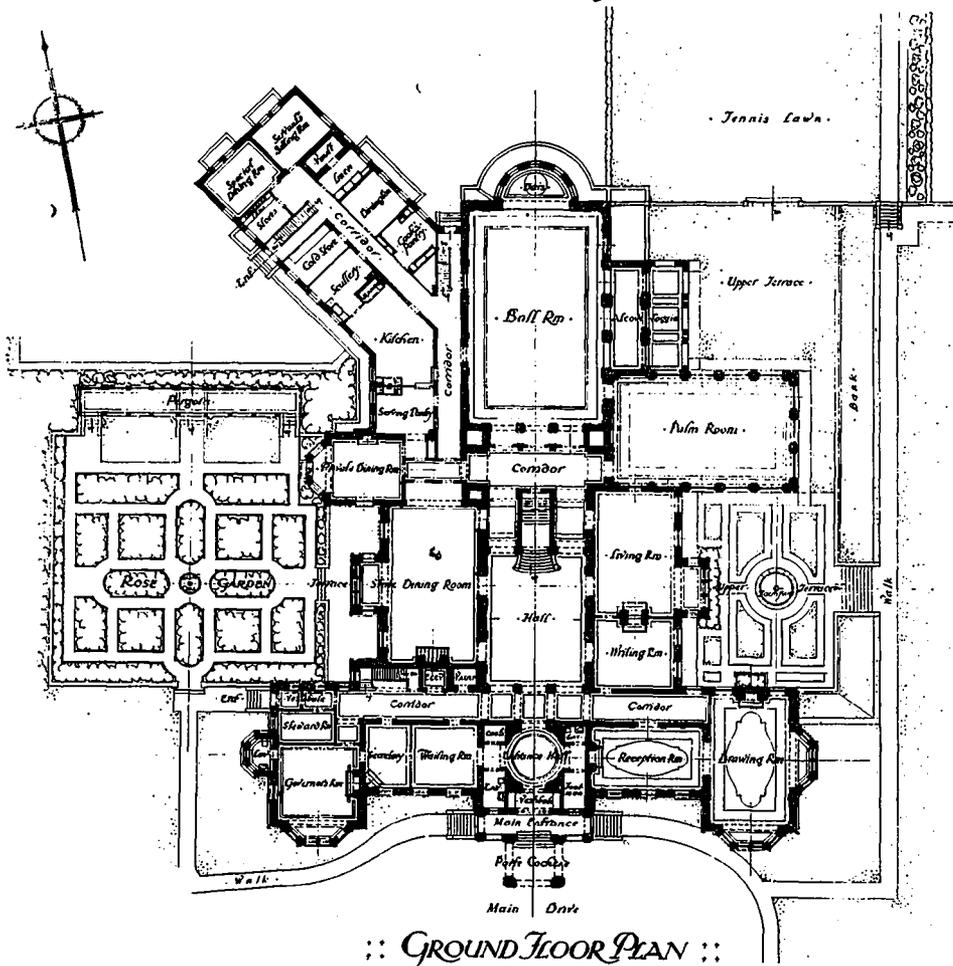
commodation was needed until the removal of the seat of Government from Toronto to Kingston, in 1841. In 1846 the building and grounds were used for the holding of an exhibition of agricultural products. Later in 1855 the Government offices were again moved to Toronto and Elmsley House was re-furnished and put into habitable condition. This building was destroyed by fire in 1860.

After the passing of Confederation Act in 1869 plans were prepared for the erection of an official home for the Lieutenant-Governor, a new building being erected on the grounds of old Elmsley House.

The structure was of red brick, three storeys in height, the upper one a mansard with a tower in the centre and a pretentious porte cochere over the main entrance. This building was for 45 years the chief social centre of the City of Toronto.

The new Government House in Chorley Park

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1869 A.S.C.