



# New Masonic Temple, Toronto

THE new Masonic Temple is located at the northwest corner of Yonge street and Davenport road. It is a commodious structure, six storeys and basement, occupying a frontage on Davenport road of 135 feet and a frontage of 85 feet on Yonge street. On January 1st, 1919, the construction was so far advanced that the lodge rooms on the first floor level and the main auditorium on the ground floor level could be used, and the building was completed shortly afterwards.

The building is designed in the Italian Renaissance style, the exterior walls being partly of Indiana limestone and partly of selected tapestry brick. Tile back-up was used throughout. A fireproof construction of reinforced concrete was adopted, and steel casements were used to the street elevations, and steel sash and wire glass to the others. All partitions, furring, etc., are built of tile.

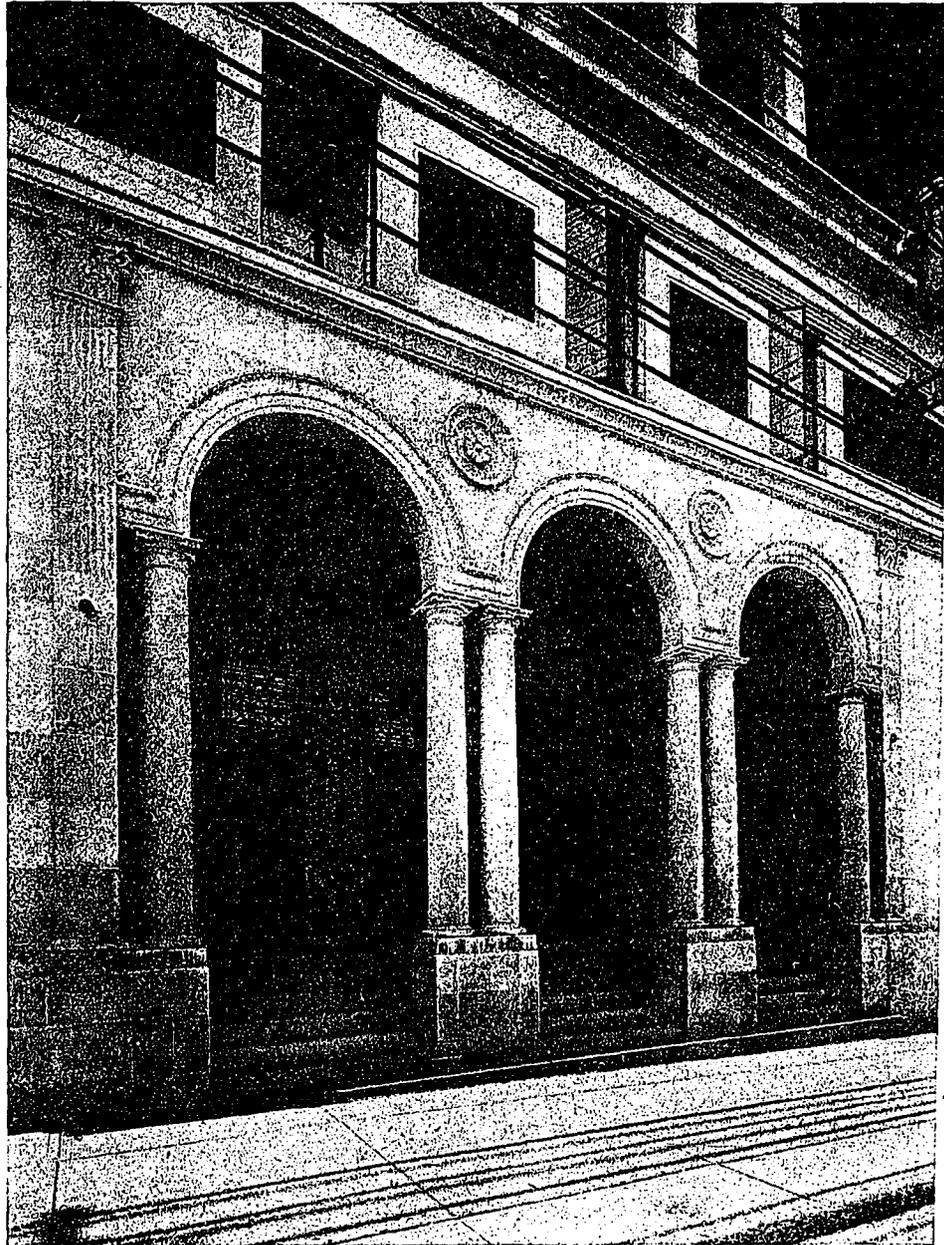
The basement contains a large banquet room, with kitchens directly attached, also coat rooms, toilet accommodation, janitor's apartments, boiler and fan rooms, etc. A unique feature of the banquet room is that it is capable of subdivision into two separate banquet rooms by means of two series of folding doors, for the purpose of providing an air space to assist in preventing noise from one room reaching the other.

On the ground floor is a large auditorium, which, with the gallery, seats twelve hundred. Fixed seats are used in the gallery, but on the ground floor, which can be used for dance purposes as well as a concert hall, movable seats are provided. A store-room under the stage is used to store these movable seats when not required. The remainder of the ground floor

contains a large foyer, lobby, men's smoking room, check rooms, ticket offices, ladies' parlor, retiring rooms, etc. On the gallery and mezzanine floor are the main gallery to the auditorium and the offices of the Masonic Temple Corporation, comprising general office, board room, committee rooms, etc.

The first floor is devoted to lodge and chapter rooms, and contains one large blue room, 47 feet by 53 feet clear; one smaller blue room, 29 feet by 53 feet, and one chapter room, 33 feet by 53 feet, together with anterooms, reception rooms, etc. The choir galleries and organ lofts to these lodge and chapter rooms are on the first floor mezzanine, on which level is also a general storeroom.

The Scottish Rite and Preceptory rooms,



DETAIL OF ENTRANCE.