

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CHAIR.

Made from the Wood of Government House, Toronto.

The Government House, Toronto, U.C., was built in 1828, burned in January, 1862, and rebuilt in 1867. It stood on the south-west corner of King and Simcoe streets, and was of Parisian and modern style of architecture, which contrasted with the Gothic of St. Andrew's Church, opposite.

As years passed the expansion of railways and factories and growth of the city northwards necessitated the removal of Government House. The Canadian Pacific railway purchased the fine old residence and grounds, and in 1912 Government House was demolished. During the process of demolition Mr. Robertson procured some oak, out of which a chair has been made, a relic of a place which housed, for nearly half a century, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Province of Ontario. This chair was presented in October, 1912, to the University of Toronto for the dais of the Convocation Hall.