

DESCRIPTION



THE foregoing illustrations are exact copies of the original Plans and Elevations have been prepared by the Architect, Mr. E. J. Lennox, and accepted by the Council, for the combined Municipal and County buildings. A great amount of money and labor has been spent by the Architect in perfecting these plans, and in the arrangement of all the different departments for the officials; and the greatest care has been exercised in providing the necessary accommodation, which has been arranged in the most perfect manner for the expeditious transaction of business, with due regard for light, ventilation, appearance and durability.

The building, as shown, will be constructed in the most durable and substantial manner, and as far as possible of Canadian materials. Contractors will be required to have all work, such as cut stone, carpenter and joiners' work, etc., etc., performed in the City, either on the building site or in its immediate vicinity.

In answer to the advertisement calling for tenders for the complete construction of the building, *bona fide* tenders have been received by the Council, each tender being accompanied by a large deposit, together with the signatures of responsible men who are willing to become sureties for the fulfilment of the works, according to the submitted plans, a list of which appears hereafter.

THE EXTERIOR

The centre of the site is not exactly opposite the centre line of Bay street, but the plan has been so arranged that the chief feature of the building, viz., the tower, will stand in a direct line with the centre of that street, which will lead to the new square in the form of an avenue. This will not interfere with the proper balance of the building, but will rather add to its effect, and to the harmony of the surroundings. The proposed building will be a massive structure designed in a Romanesque style. The material which will be used will be Credit Valley grey stone, with Brunswick brown stone trimmings, and the general appearance will be very effective. As it is shown in the plan, it will be about three hundred feet square; and following the outer wall-line, the circumference will be about eighteen hundred feet. It is proposed to place the building one hundred feet back from the street, and to form the space in front into a small open park. From the level of Queen street the park will rise gradually to an elevation of from five to six feet, ending in a terrace thirty feet wide, upon which the building will stand. The terrace will be paved and will be enclosed by a low stone wall. There will be a carriage drive in a circular form from Queen street to the level of the terrace, on which it will open directly in front of the main grand entrance. The sodded park in front of this circular drive and a broad footway leading to the entrance, will supply an attractive foreground, elevating and greatly beautifying the sight. The building will form a square with quadrants of courtyard in the centre. The west half, facing Teraulay street, will be used as County building, and the east half, facing James street, will contain the City offices. Each half will be provided with a main entrance, reached by several stone steps from the level of the street sidewalks to the level of the raised terrace. There will be two entrances off Albert street on the north side, similarly connected to those off Teraulay and James streets. These main entrances will not have long flights of stairs.