

PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF THE NEW NORMAL SCHOOL AND EDUCATION OFFICES FOR UPPER CANADA. For plan of interior arrangements, see page 100.

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CEREMONY OF LAYING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE OF THE NEW NORMAL AND MODEL SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION OFFICES FOR UPPER CANADA.

The ceremony of laying the Chief Corner Stone of the New Normal and Model Schools for Upper Canada, took place on Wednesday, July 2nd, in the presence of a very large body of spectators. A capacious enclosure had been constructed, having at its west end a covered platform, decorated with flags, for the reception of His Excellency the Governor General. At the opposite end, seats were provided for the accommodation of ladies, of whom there was a large gathering; on the south side, were members of the Provincial Legislature and of the Corporation of Toronto, with the Clergy and other professional gentlemen ; while the mass of spectators occupied the vacant space on the north side. A guard of

honour of the 71st Highland Light Infantry was on the ground with the Band of that Regiment.

At half-past 12 o'clock, His Excellency the Governor General arrived, accompanied by the Countess of Elgin, Lady Elma Bruce, and Col. and Mrs. Bruce. Their Excellencies and suite were received by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, and conducted to the platform ; the Band meanwhile playing the National Anthem. Around their Excellencies on the platform, besides the Members of the Council of Public Instruction, were the Hon. J. Bourret, President of the Executive Council; Hon. R. Baldwin, Attorney General, U. C.; Hon. F. Hincks, Inspector General ; Hon. J. Leslie, Provincial Secretary ; Hon. J. H. Price, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Hon. J. Morris, Post Master General; Hon. R. E. Caron, Speaker of the Legislative Council; Hon. A. N. Morin, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; Hon. Chief Justice Robinson, Hon. Judge Burns, Hon. Vice-Chancellor Spragge, Hon. P. B. deBlacquiere, Chancellor of the University of Toronto; Sir Allan N. MacNab, Hon. W. Badgley, Hon. H. J. Boulton, Hon. II. Sherwood, Hon. W. Robinson, J. S. MacDonald, Esq., Solicitor General, U. C.; L. T. Drummond, Esq., Solicitor General L. C.; Sir Hew Dalrymple, Bart., and other members of His Excellency's staff.

The members of the Council of Public Instruction were severally introduced to the Governor General by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, as follows, viz .:-

The Right Reverend A. F. M. de Charbonnel, D.D., the Reverend H. J. Grasett, A. M., Joseph C. Morrison, Esq., M. P. P., Hugh Scobie, Esq., James S. Howard, Esq., and the Reverend John Jennings.

Also the Architects, Frederic W. Cumberland, Esq., and Thos. G. Ridout, jr., Esq.; and Mr. J. Metcalfe, of the firm of Metcalfe, Wilson and Forbes, the Contractors.