



METHODIST BOOK AND PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Our cut gives but a faint idea of the new Methodist Book and Publishing House now in course of erection on Richmond Street, between Yonge and Bay Streets, and extending back to Temperance Street.

The building has a frontage of one hundred feet by a depth between streets of two hundred feet.

The property has been known as the old Richmond Street Methodist Church, and is situate in the heart of the city, very near to Yonge Street, and near the site of the new City Hall and Court House, and with its double frontage specially suitable for its intended purpose.

The church building fortunately stood in the middle of the lot, 60 feet back from Richmond Street, and 30 feet back from Temperance Street. On the Richmond Street end has been erected a four-story building across the full front, which is divided into stores and hall entrance. The latter occupies the centre of the block, and forms a tower starting from foundation and finished up to top of store cornice in cut stone and polished granite columns.

At the arched entrance to the upper stories the visitor may take his choice of the main staircase or the handsome hydraulic elevator, with its ever ready attendant.

The office, stock-room and wholesale department will occupy the whole of the auditorium of the old church. The entry clerks and shipping room will occupy the easterly wing of the Temperance Street or southerly extension, and for the convenience of their friends in the trade, they have set apart the western wing which will be fitted up as a sample room. The upper part of the church, along the gallery line, will be used as the case room, and the attic as the sheet room. The basement of the church has a height of twelve feet, and will be used as the press-room.

Our space will not at present admit of a complete description. Suffice it to say that the whole will form the most complete and admirably arranged premises for the special purposes for which they are intended.

During the past few years the business of this institution has rapidly grown, until now the old premises are far too small for the requirements of the business.

The increase in the number of employees is shown from the fact that some five years ago the amount paid each week for wages was about \$700, while now it amounts to about \$1,100.

The sales in every department are very much in advance of previous years, and new machinery has been added to both press-rooms and bindery.