

interior—a truly noble hall, with a floor area 65 x 80 feet, and a height of over 50 feet. The paneled ceiling is a mass of color, amongst the designs the maple leaf predominating. The coats of arms of the province are prominent, while the arms of the cities have a place in other panels. Above the arches on the northern and southern walls are four allegorical subjects—Moderation, holding a curbed bridle; Justice, with sword and scales, and a cherub holding a code of laws; Power, carrying a sword and oak branch, and Wisdom, with open book and lamp of knowledge. On the east and west walls notable dates in the history of Ontario are inscribed. The handsome woodwork is done in Canadian sycamore, with mahogany panelling nine feet high. The members' seats are on raised platforms, and four galleries will accommodate the reporters and the public. Four fine and massive chandeliers, with numerous side lights, will give a rich electrical illumination.

The Legislative Library is a model room, with plenty of light and two stories of white-oak shelving. It is 70 x 42 feet in superficial dimensions, with a ceiling 35 feet high. Equally commodious and handsome are the members' quarters in the west wing, the smoking room especially, 36 x 40, with high ceiling and capacious fireplace, the reception room, the reading room, and other spacious retreats. The Speaker's quarters are also in keeping with the other rooms, as is the post office, the Legislative offices and Queen's Printer's apartments, all of which are situated in the west wing. The Lieutenant-Governor has an office adjoining the library.

The east wing is occupied by all the departments except the Education Department, which will remain in the Normal School building. The offices in this wing are models for size, light and comfort.

The ground floor is occupied by the Crown Lands and Agricultural departments; the mezzanine floor by the At-

torney-General and his officers, the Provincial Secretary's department, and the Registrar-General's branch. The upper floor accommodates the Treasury and Public Works departments, and the license branch.

The building is equipped with thirteen large fire-proof vaults, four elevators, run by electricity, and a full electric and gas service. Six immense boilers, each sixteen feet in length, occupy the boiler room. The Chamber, Library and some of the larger



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rooms are heated by the "indirect" method, cold air entering through a massive tube and being heated by steam radiators. Ample fire protection has been provided—a six-inch water main runs through from street to street, and three hydrants are placed in the basement and on each floor. Six capacious lavatories, finished in cherry, are to be found in the building. The floors of these lavatories are built on iron beams filled in by brick arches