



CORNER YONGE AND QUEEN STREETS.

huge establishments, and others that could be instanced, are models of system and modern methods in their management, are thriving hives of industry, and the three mentioned together employ from 4000 to 5000 hands. The first named establishment occupies a building of palatial proportions in the very heart of the city, at the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets, a point at which the visitor can well see the life and bustle of the city. The building fell a victim to fire, as did the surrounding buildings in 1896, but the energy and enterprise of the late Mr. Simpson, who founded the business, were not to be overcome by the disaster, great though it was. He built the present structure, which is by far the most imposing of Toronto's retail houses, on a larger scale than before, and it suitably adorns the second busiest street crossing in the city, the busiest being that crowded thoroughfare at the intersection of Yonge and King Streets, of which the Dominion Bank,