

Government Institutions.



THE Federal and Provincial Governments have both recognized the importance of London by establishing here several government institutions, and their buildings are in thorough keeping with the grandeur and quaintness of Canadian architecture.

About two miles east of the corporation limits is the Western Asylum for Insane, the grounds surrounding which cover several hundred acres of splendid farming lands, which largely aid in making the institution self sustaining. It is fitted with all the most modern appliances for healing diseases of the brain. Of the number of cases treated, about 75 per cent. are cured.

In the north-eastern corner of the City is the barracks of No. 1 Company of Canadian Infantry, which forms part of the standing colonial army. It is also a school of military instruction, and is doing a good work.

The Custom House, on the corner of Richmond Street and Queen's Avenue, is a solid stone building, and its interior during business hours always presents a busy scene.

The Post Office is a classic old structure on the opposite corner, and was, until a few years ago, considered the finest in the Dominion.

The County Court House and Jail, at the westerly end of Dundas Street, is built in the Elizabethan style of architecture, after Windsor Castle, and is a most historic structure. It was here that seven "rebels" who served under William Lyon Mackenzie suffered death on the scaffold.