

In accordance with the Act of 1849, the County built a small one-storey stone fire-proof building, where the office of the Gas Company now stands, on the east side of Toronto street, just north of Court street. This building was destroyed to make way for the building which now occupies the site.

In 1855, Mr. John Ridout, who had been Deputy Registrar for many years, succeeded on the death of his father, Samuel Ridout, to the office. Mr. John Ridout died Sept. 15th, 1894, aged 88. In 1859 the County and City Registrarships were divided. In 1875 the present brick County Registry building was erected at the northeast corner of Richmond and Clare (now Berti) streets. When the city and county offices were separated, Joseph Morrison became the first City Registrar. The present City Registry office was put up by the city during the time that Mr. Charles Lindsey was Registrar.

#### UPPER CANADA COLLEGE DAYS.

Upper Canada College was built in 1829, the year in which I was born, and to it my good uncle sent me within a week of my arrival in Toronto, and there I remained until March, 1847. The Masters were : Mr. Barron, Principal ; Rev. Mr. Scadding, 1st Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1st Classical Master ; Rev. Mr. Ripley, 1st Rector of Trinity Church, King street east, 2nd Classical Master ; Rev. Mr. Maynard, Mathematical Master ; Mr. De la Haye, French Master ; Mr. Duffy, English Master ; Mr. Cozens, Preparatory Master and Boarding-House Keeper.

#### A SATURDAY FIGHT.

When I came to Canada I was a little round-faced, chubby fellow, and full of fight when anyone called me names or made fun of my Nottinghamshire dialect. The son of a celebrated ironmonger, a boy who was considered to be a bit of a bully, was particularly fond of annoying me, and at last I was annoyed beyond endurance, so I decided to fight him. The day was Thursday, if I remember rightly, and as I was to go to a party that night and did not wish to have my face disfigured, I decided not to fight until Saturday, when we would have more time to settle our little affair. Saturday came, and with it the fight. We were both pretty well marked and the late Hutchinson Esten, son of Chancellor Esten, who was in the same (2nd) Form as I was, went home and with great