## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF TORONTO.

The size of the main building is as follows: Height to the eaves 34 feet; the height to the centre of the building is 54 feet; and from the eaves to the centre of the circular roof 21 feet. This circular roof, which is covered with galvanized iron of English manufacture, presents a very striking appearance, and answers a very useful purpose, that of lighting the station, one continuous window being placed each side of the roof. Handsomely constructed windows have also been inserted on the south end or main entrance of the shed.

The excellent lighting of the station is one principle of its construction. The visitor, although feeling sensible of being under cover, can scarcely distinguish between the amount of light inside and outside the building. The credit of this very necessary part of the design is due to the architect, Mr. Storm, who determined, it seems, to employ that cheapest of all lights, daylight, in the greatest abundance. He may justly feel proud of the entire structure, which has cost altogether a little over \$20,000.

## Places of Amusement.

## SKATING AND CURLING RINK.

This beautiful building has been recently erected for the use of the young and the old during the long winter months; it is used for a skating and curling rink during the winter, and given for cencerts and Bowling green. The building is one of the handsomest in the city, being of brick with yellow trimmings, and it is an ornament to the city. Mr. Thomas Mcgaw, (of the Queen's Hotel), and Mr. David Walker, (of the Walker House), treasurer and secretary. The building is on the north side of Adelaide street, at the head of Widmer street. Persons visiting this place can take the King or Queen street cars and ride within one block of the rink.

## THEATRES.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE, Mrs. Morrison, manageress ; is situated on Adelaide near the corner of Yonge.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, James French, proprietor and manager: This is one of the finest theatres in the Dominion, being located in the centre of the city and convenient to all the hotels; it is large and its exits are complete in case of fire. It is situated on King between Bay and York, at the entrance of 99 and 101 King. MONTRE lington St 84 Front West, Thu Sheds, Qu & N. R. S Great West DOMINI lington St Rossin Ho Northern

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