



## New Union Bank Building, Ottawa

COMPARATIVELY few large commercial buildings were erected in Canada during the war. Consequently the new Union Bank Building represents an important development which denotes the growth and progress of Ottawa. The structure has a frontage of 139 feet on Sparks Street and 100 feet on Metcalfe

basement. The main hall from Sparks Street, which connects with the Metcalfe Street entrance, is equipped with four elevators, capable of operating at a speed of over four hundred feet per minute. A cigar, candy and newsstand appropriate to the design is provided for the convenience of the occupants. The elevators



UNION BANK BUILDING, OTTAWA,

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Street, and is ten stories and basement in height. The ground floor is divided into banking quarters on the corner, six stores and a hotel. Above this are offices, averaging about thirty-six to the floor. In the basement is a grill room in connection with the hotel, a barber shop, public lavatories, large billiard room, storage, boiler room, power equipment and electric switch room.

The main entrance on the ground floor opens into a large vestibule, having a staircase to the

are enclosed in bronze doors, and the walls of the corridor and entrance are faced to the height of the ceiling with Paonazzo marble.

Steel covered with concrete is employed for the framework of the structure, and all floors throughout are of concrete, reinforced with expanded metal and wire cloth. The exterior walls are of grey Stanstead granite for the two lower stories, with Ohio sandstone above. A feature of the main entrance is an elaborately carved lintel in one piece, weighing about eight