

Towards the erection of an Exhibition Building, as a permanent structure, the City Council of Toronto had previously voted the very liberal sum of £5,000, and the County Council of York and Peel the sum of £350, which has been since increased to £1,000, which, added to the appropriation from the County and Township Agricultural Societies, enable the Local Committee to erect a building suited to the purpose for which it is intended, and which we believe (judging from the plans) will be creditable to the Association and to the country; and to which the Committee may with confidence invite Exhibitors to send their goods, without fear of their being injured from weather or other causes—as has too often been the case where temporary buildings only have been erected.

The building—which is being constructed principally of cast iron and glass—will be 256 feet in length, and 144 feet in its extreme width. The total floor space in the building, exclusive of four spacious stairways, will be upwards of 32,000 superficial feet; or 7,000 feet more than was required to be given in the competition designs. The extreme height we believe will be 55 feet.

Great care will be taken, and every precaution used, to have the building of sufficient strength for the immense number of visitors that may be expected to attend. Each of the iron girders will be tested before being placed in the building, by a strain of about three times the weight it will ever be required to carry, so that there may be no risk of accident during the Exhibition. The glass to be used in the vertical walls, is similar to that used in the Dublin Exhibition Building. The roof is to be covered with tin. We believe the building will be very correct in its proportions, and when completed will be pleasing to the eye and appropriate to the purpose for which it is being erected.

So far as we are able to judge, the work appears to be progressing satisfactorily. The stone piers on which the columns are to rest, are mostly finished; a considerable number of the iron columns and girders are in their position, and a large portion of the material for the roof is on the ground, while the tin is being prepared, so that there may be no delay when the building shall be ready to receive it.

Every exertion is being made by the Local Committee to have the whole completed in time, and, under the management of the Building Committee, (composed of Mr. J. E. Pell, Chairman, E. W. Thomson, Esq., W. B. Jarvis, Esq., Rev. Dr. McCaul, Alderman Read, Alderman Brunel, and R. L. Denison, Esq.,) we doubt not that success will attend their efforts.

We would here urge on the artists and manufacturers of the Province, that, as every exertion is being made for the special accommodation and proper exhibition of their various products, they should on their part endeavor to make the exhibition worthy of the building being erected for it, and creditable to our young and rising country.