

the Rossin House now stands, beyond, a roughcast Government House, brick Parliament Buildings, uglier even than the goal, and some government offices located in a one storey brick building, 25 feet square, comprised the lions of Toronto of that day."

The Queen's Hotel, where our meetings are held, was built as three private houses in 1844, known as Ontario Terrace. Here Principal Willis and the other Professors of Knox College resided and carried on classes in theology until 1854.

There were no plank sidewalks in Toronto until after 1834, the year of its incorporation as a city; flat stones taken from the shores of the Bay were used on King Street; the streets were not lighted until 28th December, 1841, when the first gas lamp was lit.

A story is told by Mr. Helliwell as given in Robertson's Landmarks (to which I am indebted for much information), of how a man in 1831, driving a load of pork down Yonge Street, was followed by a bear, which was attracted by the smell. It was in the evening and the man did not see the bear. He arrived at Bosworth's Tavern at the north east corner of Yonge and King Streets (long known as Ridout's Corners, or "The Corners") put his horses in the stable in the rear and went to bed in the tavern.

During the night the inmates of the tavern were roused and found the bear in the stall with the horses, making a sensation. In those far-off days there were neither telegraphs nor railroads, the Military roads, Yonge Street, Dundas Street and the Kingston Road were the only means of communication by stage, and the postage on a letter from the Old Country was 5s. 3d.