

THE BREAKING GROUND.

The imposing ceremony of breaking ground for the construction of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Union Railroad, took place at Toronto in front of the Parliament Buildings, on Wednesday the 15th October, 1851, in presence of their Excellencies the Governor General and Countess of Elgin and Kincardine. There was an immense concourse of spectators on the ground, estimated by competent judges at from 25,000 to 30,000 persons. The procession from the City Hall to the Parliament Buildings was in the following order:

THE MARSHAL.
Band.
Toronto Fire Brigade.
The Temperance Societies.
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, M. U.
St. George's Society.
St. Patrick's Society.
St. Andrew's Society.
Loyal Orange Institution.
County of York Agricultural Society.
Toronto Mechanics' Institute.
Canadian Institute.
Steamboat Proprietors.
Toronto Board of Trade.
The Press.
Teachers of Private Schools.
The Normal School.
Home District Grammar School.
Chief Superintendent of Schools.
Council of Public Instruction.
Upper Canada College.
University of Toronto.
Law Society of Upper Canada.
Medical Board of Upper Canada.
The Bishops and Clergy of Different Denominations.
The Judges and Vice-Chancellors.
Chief-Justices and Chancellor.
The Honourable Executive Council.
Speaker and Members of House of Assembly.
Honourable Legislative Councillors.
Sheriff of the County of Simcoe.