

PROPOSED NEW AMUSEMENT ARENA ON BLOOR STREET

Toronto Aug. 20th, 1909.

To His Worship, The Mayor, The Board of Control, The Aldermen, and The Board of Education of the City of Toronto.

Gentlemen:—Some time ago I agreed to pay for the proposed Technical School Grounds on Bloor Street, the price placed on it by the Board of Education. This property to be used as a site for buildings, such as we believe Toronto requires, said buildings and land to cost between Four and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. They will be composed of a Convocation Hall, seating capacity 10,000, which can be used as a Hockey Rink, seating 6,000, a Symphony Hall seating 1,800, a Skating Rink, ice 80 by 200, a Hockey Practice Rink, ice 80 by 200, an 8 T Curling Rink, ice 60 by 280. Ice will be supplied by an artificial ice plant costing \$80,000. Also a Gentlemen's Riding Club, ring 70 by 240.

This enterprise is in the hands of gentlemen of the highest standing in the City of Toronto, whose names I will be pleased to submit to you. To this proposition some opposition has been raised. This opposition is due, I believe, to a misapprehension of the intention for which these buildings are to be used. It is the intention of those interested to furnish clean amusements and sports for our citizens, and accommodation for large gatherings away from the temptations offered in the downtown districts. No liquor or gambling device will be permitted on the premises.

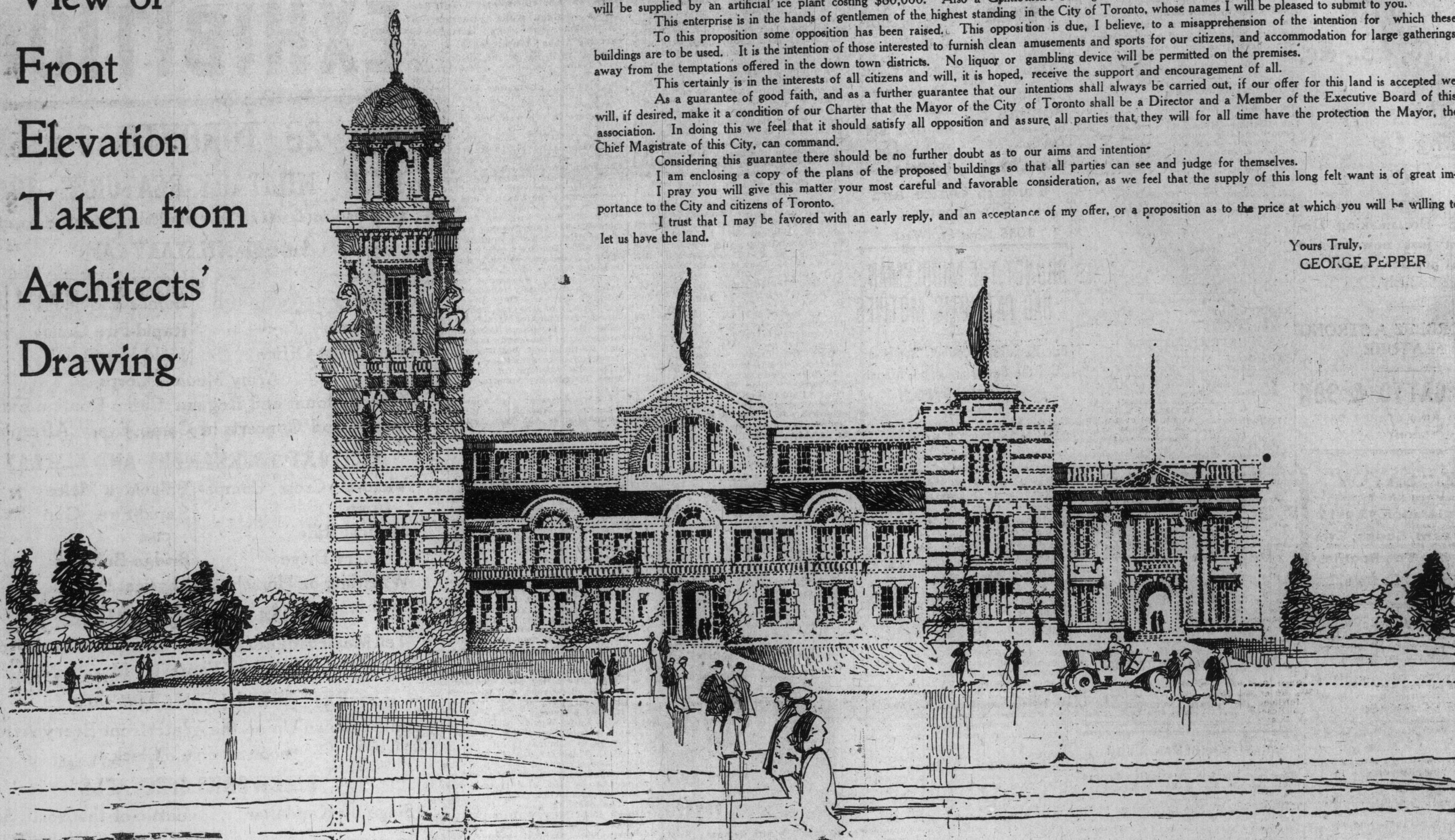
This certainly is in the interests of all citizens and will, it is hoped, receive the support and encouragement of all. As a guarantee of good faith, and as a further guarantee that our intentions shall always be carried out, if our offer for this land is accepted we will, if desired, make it a condition of our Charter that the Mayor of the City of Toronto shall be a Director and a Member of the Executive Board of this association. In doing this we feel that it should satisfy all opposition and assure all parties that they will for all time have the protection the Mayor, the Chief Magistrate of this City, can command.

Considering this guarantee there should be no further doubt as to our aims and intention. I am enclosing a copy of the plans of the proposed buildings so that all parties can see and judge for themselves. I pray you will give this matter your most careful and favorable consideration, as we feel that the supply of this long felt want is of great importance to the City and citizens of Toronto.

I trust that I may be favored with an early reply, and an acceptance of my offer, or a proposition as to the price at which you will be willing to let us have the land.

Yours Truly,
GEORGE PEPPER

View of
Front
Elevation
Taken from
Architects'
Drawing



Showing the Ground Plan of the Proposed Amusement Arena on Bloor Street

