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We are happy to be enabled to inform our readers that grounds every way suitable for the purpose of the Association have been secured; the Provincial Government having granted to the City Corporation the fee simple of that portion of the Garrison Reserve lying immediately south of the Lunatic Asylum, for the purpose of a Public Park, on condition that not less than 20 acres of said land shall be appropriated for the holding of the Provincial Agricultural Association's Exhibitions, whenever it may be required for that purpose. This ground has been already enclosed by a good and substantial fence, and is now being drained and levelled, and will be, when completed, the best site for the purpose that could probably have been found in the neighbourhood of Toronto; being near to the Queen's Wharf, and in close proximity to the Great Western, Grand Trunk, and Northern Railways—from which a switch is to be immediately constructed, so that goods coming in by any of these roads may be unloaded at the southern entrance of the Exhibition building—thus avoiding the expense and labour of cartage from the different stations.

The ground having been secured, plans for a Building, to be principally of Iron and Glass, were advertised for, and on the 24th of April 13 were sent in in competition for the prizes offered, namely—two prizes of £30 and £20 respectively. Two of these plans having been selected by the Committee, the motto letters accompanying them were opened, when Messrs. Fleming and Schrieber, Architects of this city, were found to be the successful competitors for both prizes.

Certain portions of each of these plans meeting with the approval of the Committee, the Architects were instructed to prepare a modified plan, and on the 22nd of May tenders were received for the erection of the building—Messrs. Smith, Burke & Co., of this city, being the successful tenderers, at the sum of £4,879 10s.