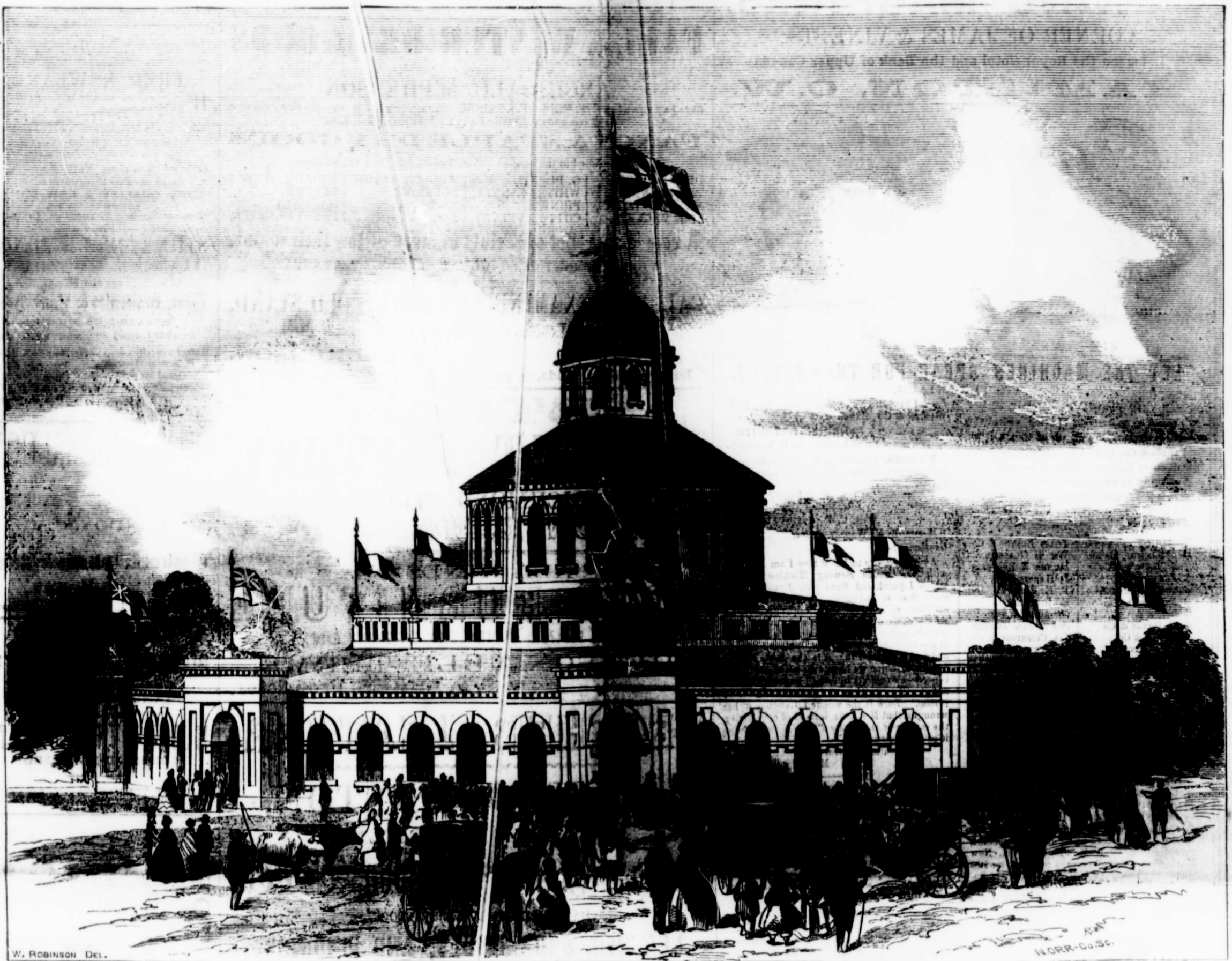


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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION BUILDING, LONDON, C.W.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The above Engraving, from Drawings furnished by WILLIAM ROBINSON, Esq., the Architect, represents the new and spacious EXHIBITION BUILDING, now completed for the Provincial Show of 1861, and the following description will put the reader in possession of some of the leading features which characterise the noble structure:—

The ground plan of the building is a regular octagon, its dimensions from opposite angles, being 186 feet. The space afforded by the ground area is upwards of 24,000 feet, while the galleries give an additional space of 4,000 feet more. The external wall is built of white brick, on a foundation of rubble masonry, and concrete, and is twenty-one feet in height. The entrance to the building is through eight doorways, one at each angle, each eight feet wide and fourteen feet high. In the brick wall on each side of the octagons, and between doorways, are five spacious windows, making

on the ground floor forty windows. The roof of this portion of the structure is covered with felt, gravel, &c. The arrangement of the doors will afford a ready ingress and egress to the building, besides securing a thorough draft for the purposes of ventilation. The second tier of the building containing the gallery, rises to the height of thirty-two feet above the ground line, and 114 feet in diameter from opposite angles, giving a wall accommodation of more than 800 lined feet, lighted with 48 windows, every alternate one being hung on a pivot to admit of ventilation. The ascent and descent to the upper portion of the building is provided for by two stairways, one being intended for the entrance and the other for the exit of the public, and leading in opposite directions, so as to divide the crowd. The third tier of the building is a continuation of the inside gallery wall, and runs to the height of forty feet above the ground line. This tier supports the cupola, and is covered with a shingle roof. The interior view is clear, and not intercepted by any timbers to the height of eighty-seven feet. The full height of the building to the top of the flag-staff is 114 feet; the

dimensions of the cupola, twenty feet diameter by thirty-one in height; area of the ground floor and gallery, 28,000 feet, being about the same area as the Hamilton Exhibition Building, and 4,000 feet less than the Toronto Building. The sheeting of the roof is painted a blue color, the timbers a drab. Provision is made for a band of music in a suitable situation. The building is designed and constructed with a view to the purposes for which it is erected, and also with a due regard to economy. The Architect, a citizen of London, has been happy in designing and completing a building well adapted for the purposes of the Exhibition, and that, too, at a cost under \$3,000. The building is of the most permanent character, the best stone, brick and lumber, being used in its construction, while the workmanship is of a superior order. Mr. Alexander Campbell was the contractor, and by his exertions has succeeded in having it finished several weeks before the contract time. On the whole, it may be said that the London Exhibition Building is a credit to the Architect, the Contractor, and the Local Committee who have used so much energy in pushing it to its early completion.

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