

# Canadian Westinghouse Office Building

**I**NDUSTRIAL office buildings are assuming a character of considerable architectural importance. To-day the progressive manufacturer not only recognizes the advantage of a separate building for administrative purposes, but find it a matter of genuine business expediency. This incidentally vastly increases the architect's opportunities by widening the field for specialized work. The Canadian Westinghouse Company has just completed a noteworthy building of this type in connection with its large plant at Hamilton, Ont. It is a five-storey structure, 200 by 50 feet, especially planned to house their executive and office staff and involves a well-arranged system of offices and departments. In addition to the various offices the building also contains a good-sized auditorium, which is intended to be used for salesmen meetings and staff lecture work.

The building itself is constructed of reinforced concrete with hollow tile floors, and has a flat ceiling throughout. The offices are arranged on either side of a central corridor, and have a clear span of approximately 18 feet from the side of the corridor to the outside wall. The corridor itself is approximately 7 ft. 6 in. wide. This leaves the interior entirely without any exposed columns or ceiling obstructions. Besides the building is exposed on all four sides with the result that all offices have outside light.

All the main offices are finished with quarter-inch cork carpet over the concrete floors, including the large draughting room on the fifth floor. The executive offices, reception room and dining room, have mosaic floors with a marble cove. In the reception room, which is of spacious dimensions and has an enquiry desk or counter, the walls have a panelled marble dado, plastered above and finished with an enriched ceiling.

Ornamental plaster

work is also used quite extensively in the auditorium, which is quite elaborate in its decorative character. This room, which is situated at the rear of the main floor, can be entered either from within or through a separate outside entrance, and seating accommodation is provided for over three hundred. The auditorium is approximately 50 feet square, the structural trusses spanning the full fifty feet, the second floor columns resting on top of the structural girders, thereby not interfering with the column spacing throughout the rest of the building.

Specially selected quarter-cut oak is used generally for the interior trim of the principle rooms. The President's and Vice-president's rooms have panelled walls and decorative plaster ceilings. In the President's room is a fireplace designed in character with the architectural treatment of the room. The dadoes of all corridors, stair wells and toilet rooms, as well as those of the executive offices and special



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