

purchased from Senator Botsford after the destruction of that building by fire in March, 1883, and is acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful and commanding in the lower Provinces.

The ground gradually rises from the gate house near Salamanca, and a carriage drive winds through a fine avenue of tall spruce and fir trees, and after crossing a little brook which was formerly spanned by a light wooden bridge, the first view of the new building is obtained.

The drive passes on in front of the building and joins the main road which skirts the base of the hill.

On reaching the terrace and standing near the site of the old fountain an extensive and magnificent view of the river with the lands beyond dotted with farm houses, meets the eye. To the left in the distance, Mr. Gibson's Cotton Mill and the beautiful church at Marysville are plainly visible, and its white spire glistening in the sunlight affords a pleasing contrast to the dark green of the woods beyond.

The steep slope behind and in front of the building will ensure us good drainage, and the clear spring of water which rises in the woods about a quarter of a mile away from the back of the house, is considered one of the best in the neighborhood, and has never been known to fail.

While the grounds have become a veritable wilderness during the past few years by the overgrowth of evergreens and the decay and destruction of the fences and bridges; the splendid growth of beeches, maples, yellow birch and other ornamental trees can be advantageously retained and will add considerably to the beauty of the place, the possibilities of which, where nature has been so lavish, being apparent even to a casual observer.

The building is 56 feet by 65 feet, of brick with stone coignes and facings, three stories high with mansard roof surmounted by an octagon cupola in the centre. The front entrance will have an ascent of 9 or 10 wide stone steps on the platform of which four circular pillars will be erected to form a portico suitable to the character of the building. The basement will be partitioned off for kitchen, dining room, laundry, dairy and other purposes.

On entering the building, a hall twelve feet wide, faces you,