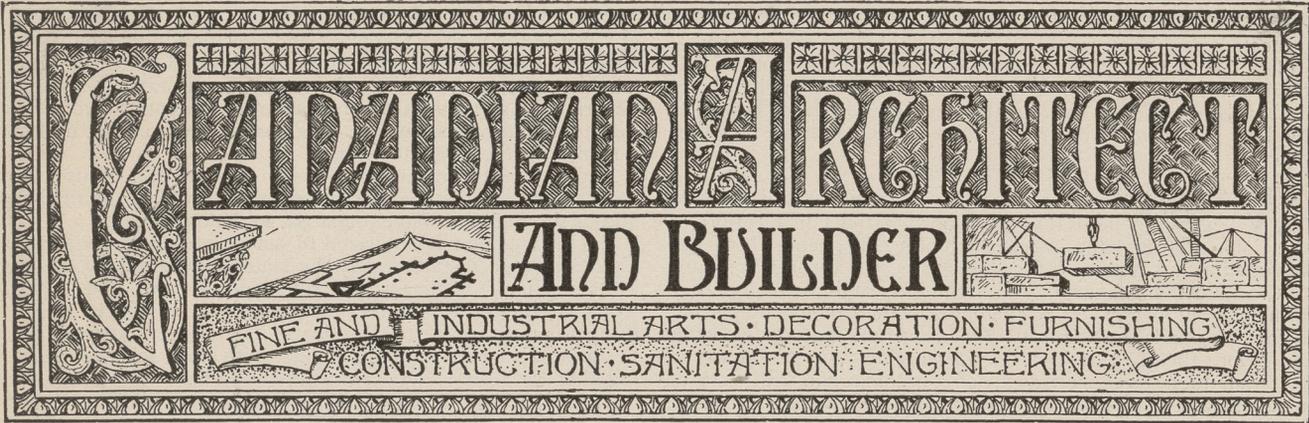


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CLOSE OF VOL. III.

WITH the present number the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER completes its third yearly volume. To mark the occasion we have sought to make this number one of more than ordinary interest. The year which is about closing has been, so far as this journal is concerned, one of steady progress. The weekly intermediate edition for contractors commenced in February last, has been well received, and has been the means of substantially increasing the number of subscribers and advertisers, thus becoming one of the most important factors in the journal's success.

Our thanks are due to those architects, engineers, and others who have made it their medium of communication with contractors, and by doing so have assisted in making the paper valuable. It will take time to make this edition all that we desire it to be, but every week progress is being made, and the facilities for obtaining advance information improved. Contractors may therefore expect each issue for the new year to prove increasingly valuable.

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able. We have heard of an instance or two where an architect spent hours of valuable time and physical exertion in seeking to find where he might purchase certain articles which reference to the advertising department of this journal would have rendered unnecessary. We simply mention the fact in order to prevent its recurrence. Advertisers naturally desire to know that benefit has accrued to them from their advertisements. The publisher is also a partaker in this desire, since upon its fulfillment depends largely the extent of his advertising patronage. We therefore ask friends of this journal not only to make use of the advertisements appearing in it, but also in their correspondence with advertisers to mention it as the source of their information.

We fully appreciate the liberal use made of the advertising department of the paper. Commencing the new year with nearly double the number of subscribers appearing on our books at the close of 1889, we can offer advertisers in 1891 a wide and constantly widening constituency, with the benefits accruing therefrom.

We hope that increased use will be made of the columns of the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER for the expression of opinions on subjects coming legitimately within its scope. Finally we extend to every reader the wish for a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

THE plumbing regulations of Toronto are continually being tampered with. One of the latest fads is the adoption for business premises of the New York method of placing the opening of the fresh air inlet in the sidewalk, the orifice being protected by a cast iron grating set flush with the pavement. During a recent visit to that city we examined the condition of these gratings, and found the majority of them either practically or entirely closed by accumulations of dust. Even supposing these gratings to be kept free, the constant dropping of dirt into the pipe beneath would result in the eventual stoppage at the bend, which in 99 out of 100 cases is found necessary in carrying the pipe to the connection behind the main trap. In some cases a sort of small iron sink is placed beneath the grating with the connecting pipe entering the side a couple of inches above the bottom. Even this device would soon choke up with sweepings, and in winter with snow, which, freezing, would completely block the orifice. We would a thousand times prefer the omission of the main trap than be compelled to use this unreliable device.

THE amended building ordinance of the city of Hamilton is, on the whole, a step in the right direction. The clause requiring the lodgment of plans with the Building Inspector will be the cause of considerable labor to the architect and expense to the client, if such plans, or copies thereof, are to be retained by the Inspector. The regulations limiting the proportion of the width of street which may be occupied, are good, as is also the stipulation that permission must be obtained from the occupant of adjoining premises before any material may be deposited in front of his property. The provision relating to the keeping of lights on all piles of building materials as well as excavations for drains, etc., is almost too sweeping in its nature, and yet, considering the careless manner in which heaps of building material and rubbish are left by the workmen, it is really a necessity. The fencing in of all building operations is also a necessity. It is simply abominable to have to run the gauntlet of splashing lime, swaying lumber and dropping bricks, which is so often the experience of passers by. It would be of interest to know what are the requirements referred to as Sec. 7, Chap. 41, regarding the erection and character of the buildings. These requirements are, in most of our cities, of a very low grade and far behind the times. We were surprised the other day to find that the Toronto by-laws had been amended to prohibit wooden breast-summers at shop fronts, requiring the substitution of rolled iron. Was there ever a more stupid regulation? In the case of a serious fire the un-

protected iron beam would give way long before one of wood—in fact before the latter would have charred to the depth of half an inch. It is high time for Toronto architects to rise in a body and insist upon the enactment of sensible by-laws based on modern experience and in line with the best practice in other places.

WE would bespeak on the part of architects and students a careful perusal of the report of the late meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, which will be found in this issue. It foreshadows a great advance in regard to the education of our future architects, and we hope every principal will loyally second the efforts of the Council, by putting before his pupils the necessity of vigorously preparing the work set before them. It is high time for architects to awake to the fact that their profession does not stand on a par with that of medicine and law in the minds of the public, and that they have no one to blame but themselves. Now is the time to go forward and repair the mistakes of the past. Education is the first need of the day, and the profession in the older countries has begun to realize the necessities of the case. Canada must not be behind, and looks to Ontario, her richest province, to lead in this matter. Students must sturdily face the fact that unless they are prepared to work and study with assiduity, to spend their five years in an earnest struggle to fit themselves for their life-work, they had better enter a bank or go behind the merchants' counter.

The Council rightly decided to recommend that the members of the Association abstain from competing for the Montreal Board of Trade. That corporation has shown, by its replies to the protests of both the Quebec and Ontario Associations, that it has little desire to secure designs from Canadian architects. These organizations represent a very large percentage of the architects of any repute in both provinces, and had the Board honestly desired to be, even in a small degree, patriotic, they would have evinced some willingness to accede to the requests of these Associations. The building cannot be erected for double the amount stated in the conditions; this amount, (\$275,000), plus 10%, has been arbitrarily fixed, and any design exceeding it in estimated cost will be strictly ruled out if the printed conditions are *honestly* adhered to. This, of course, would rule out all competitors, who would have had all their trouble and expense for nought, and then the Board will be open to treat with some favored "dark horse," who will be unhampered by any limitations in regard to expenditure. No one but a novice, and no one with honest intentions will enter this competition expecting to produce a design worthy of the institution for the amount named. The inference might be therefore drawn that the competitors will be composed of two classes—fools and knaves. The members of the Toronto Architectural Guild at their monthly dinner on the 11th inst., decided to act in concert with the Associations in the matter.

COMPETITION FOR CHURCH DESIGNS.

THE Presbyterian Church in Canada has determined upon making an effort to improve the architecture of its churches and with that object proposes to issue a pamphlet containing approved designs with letterpress explaining the same and also treating the question of church architecture from different points of view.

It is proposed to have a competition of designs for churches as per the list of requirements given hereafter, and to publish those designs which may meet with the approval of the experts. The plans and perspective only, with possibly one elevation will be illustrated, as it is not desirable to give sufficient drawings to allow of the design being made use of except through the author. The intention of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church which has this matter in hand is, that the author of a design which may be approved of by any congregation proposing to build shall be employed at the usual commission.

The following prizes, viz, \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be given to the three best designs in order of merit, irrespective of the class under which they may be sent in.

The excellence of a plan will consist in the closeness with which the conditions have been fulfilled, the quality of the design and the inexpensiveness of erecting the building. No limit has been made as to cost in any class, as it is desirable that the designers should not be hampered except in so far that he must bear in mind that a good design which is inexpensive is superior to an equally good or even better design which will cost more money.

The experts, three in number, will be chosen by the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects and their report will be final in the matter.

The three designs which will be awarded the prizes will be chosen from among those standing first and second in the different classes. The experts will be instructed to favour the designs for the small and inexpensive buildings in preference to those for the large and costly ones.

The drawings are to be prepared in black and white to a scale

of 8 feet to the inch. The plans and elevation in line only with windows blocked in or not as may be preferred by the designer. The perspective should be a thoroughly good drawing, and may be rendered as thought fit; but a large amount of extraneous matter should not be put in. The perspectives to be set up from a plan drawn four feet to an inch.

Bad or inferior drawings will not be illustrated, no matter how good the design may be, but an opportunity will be afforded the author to prepare or have prepared, suitable drawings.

Each competitor is requested to send in a short description of his design and to state clearly the material which he would use in its erection, together with a statement of cost. The experts will have the right to correct the estimated cost placed on any design as may appear to them just. The above statement is to be printed in the pamphlet along with the selected design together with the name of the author and his business address.

The following is a statement of the classes of buildings which are required to meet the wants of the average congregations in each of the classes in which it has been thought well to divide church buildings.

1st. Country church to seat from 150 to 200 persons, with one room to be used as vestry and library. Church to be heated with stoves.

2nd. Village church, capacity 250 to 300 persons, with one room to be used as vestry and library. Church to be heated with stoves.

3rd. Large village church, seating 350 to 400, with vestry and library. To be furnace heated.

4th. Small town church, seating 350 to 400 persons, with vestry or school room.

5th. Large town church, with seating capacity of from 500 to 600, with vestry, library, school room and kitchen.

6th. City church, seating from 600 to 1,000, with vestry, library, school room and kitchen.

7th. Large city church, seating from 1,000 to 1,300, with vestry, library, school rooms and kitchen.

In the last four clauses the designer will himself settle the method of heating and arrange same.

All designs to be sent in on or before the 14th day of March, 1891, addressed to the Registrar of the Ontario Association of Architects, Toronto.

THE QUEBEC CITY HALL.

THE largely advertised competition for the Quebec city hall culminated in the sending in of only six sets of designs—three from Quebec, and one each from Ottawa, Woodstock, and Buffalo.

This result might easily have been predicted. The conditions imposed an enormous and useless amount of labor—eighth scale plans from sub-basement to roof, the latter to show "projections of eaves, skylights, scuttles, cresting, etc., in full;" sections of every separate portion of the buildings; isometrical elevations; isometrical or aerial perspectives; complete specifications; heating apparatus, size of mains, number and area of radiators.

Fatherly advice is given upon the minutest points, even to the blind nailing of the flooring boards; and then to crown all, this complicated mass of bricks and mortar, aggregating more than 2,000,000 cubic feet, is to be built for \$200,000—less than ten cents a cubic foot—a sum insufficient for anything but the simplest commercial or residential building. We feel safe in affirming that twenty cents per foot will be found too small an allowance for the erection of a building of the character stipulated. No wonder the hundred eager applicants for copies of the conditions dwindled down to a corporal's guard.

The manner of adjudicating upon the designs is worthy of note. The designs were sent in under motto, of course, but oh, ye guileless architects, they were to be exhibited according to the conditions to the public for a week or more *before* the committee of adjudication began their work as assessors. The Mayor the Chairman of the Road Committee, and the City Engineer selected the jury, appointing Mr. E. Tache, of Quebec, "artist architect," Deputy Minister Crown Lands; Mr. Victor Roy, of Montreal, "practical architect"; and Mr. H. Stavely, architect.

The first prize was awarded Mr. Charest, Quebec; second, Porter & Son, Buffalo; and third, Mr. Peachy, Quebec.

According to the newspaper report, the first prize was awarded because it seemed "to have enlisted the sympathy of the jury by coming *nearest* to the mark in point of probable cost," although "popular suffrage seemed to point" to another design which the jury could not go on account of the probable cost.

Here, then, is another lesson for architects. When will the members of the profession learn to have sufficient respect to ignore all invitations to compete which are not drawn up in a proper manner? The labor imposed by the conditions in this case was excessive—practically preparing drawings sufficient for reception of tenders, the value, (even reckoning on a cost of only \$200,000), being quite \$5,000—while the other two prize designs were to be retained, the premiums only being paid for them.

The result also proves how utterly useless it is to fix a limit of cost which is absurdly below what the work can be done for. In this case the jury selected the design which most nearly approx-

imated the sum announced. If the jury had not been practical men, the probability is that "popular suffrage" would have selected the most showy design regardless of cost.

It is to be hoped that the establishment of Quebec's new Association of Architects will engender such an *esprit du corps* that corporations in the future will be compelled to formulate proper conditions of competition or be minus designs from competent and self-respecting architects in that province.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

PROPOSED ATHLETIC CLUB HOUSE, TORONTO.—E. J. LENNOX, ARCHITECT.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.—H. SAXON SNELL & SON, ARCHITECTS, LONDON, ENG.

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE IN NORTH STREET, TORONTO, THE PROPERTY OF MR. S. G. CURRY.—MESSRS. DARLING & CURRY, ARCHITECTS.

TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH CLUB COMPETITION FOR "A COTTAGE BY THE SEA,"—DESIGNS BY "BRINY" (MR. T. R. JOHNSON), AND "PIETRO" (MR. ERNEST WILBY), AWARDED FIRST AND SECOND POSITION RESPECTIVELY.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS.

A MEETING of the Council was held in the rooms of the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th. Present: Messrs. Arnoldi and Ewart, of Ottawa; Rastrick and Edwards, of Hamilton; Blackwell, of Peterboro', and D. B. Dick, Curry and Burke, Toronto, and the Registrar, Mr. S. H. Townsend. The President, Mr. Storm, was unavoidably absent, much to his regret, through pressure of business engagements. In his absence the Vice-President, Mr. Arnoldi, took the chair.

A large amount of important business was transacted. The Toronto members who had been appointed at the August meeting to act as a Committee on By-laws, presented a draft report.

Messrs. Arnoldi and Ewart, the Committee on Education, presented a draft report of a comprehensive course of subjects to be required of students in the various examinations.

The Registrar reported that he had received 140 applications for registration, embracing almost every known person in practice in the province. After a scrutiny of the names the list was approved.

The draft by-laws of the Association were adopted after the insertion of several amendments and additions, and will be submitted to the Association for ratification or revision at the Convention to be held in February next.

The draft by-laws governing the Council of the Association were then carefully considered, and after various additions and amendments, adopted. These by-laws defined the duties of the various officers and the examiners.

The annual fee was fixed at \$15 for resident members, (that is, resident in the County of York, and City of Toronto), and \$10 for non-resident members, payable on or before the 1st of July of each year. If not paid until after this date, the fee to be \$20 and \$15 respectively. Student fees—Upon admission as a student, \$5; filing indentures, \$1; each examination, \$1.

It was also resolved that no member of the Association shall retain in his office any student unless he is properly registered and in good standing in the books of the Registrar.

The Registrar reported that many students had not yet registered, and stated that the probable reason was through a misunderstanding as to the date up to which applications would be received, owing to the lapse of time between the passing of the Act and the appointment of the Council. It was therefore, on motion, resolved, that students be allowed to register up to the date of the first annual convention in February; and that notice be sent to all registered architects requesting them to draw the attention of their students to such extension of time.

Mr. Curry presented a proposition made by representatives of the Presbyterian Church with regard to the issue of a publication having in view the improvement of the design of Presbyterian church edifices. It was resolved "That having heard with much pleasure this proposition, a competition, or series of competitions, be instituted under the auspices of this Association, the Council hereby approving of the object desired to be attained, and that we consent to appoint a judge or judges for these competitions."

The arrangements for the forthcoming Convention were then discussed. It was decided to omit the holding of an exhibition of drawings, with the hope that a thoroughly representative one may be held in 1892.

Messrs. Storm, Dick and Curry were appointed a Committee on Programme and Arrangements for the Convention.

Messrs. Arnoldi, Burke, Blackwell and Edwards were appointed a Committee on papers to be presented, Mr. Arnoldi being Chairman, with instructions to report to the Registrar not later than Jan. 15th.

Mr. Curry read a communication from the Secretary of the

Quebec Association regarding the proposed competition for the Board of Trade offices in that city.

The following letter to the Secretary of the Montreal Board of Trade was drafted and ordered to be sent forthwith:

GEORGE HADRILL, ESQ., Secretary Board of Trade, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—The Council of the Ontario Association of Architects has had under consideration the conditions of competition for the proposed Board of Trade Building in Montreal, and has decided to recommend all members of the Association to refrain from competing for the following reasons:

1st. That the board has selected six architects resident in the United States and agreed to pay them \$300 each to send in competitive designs, and has not seen fit to select six Canadian architects in like manner, but has decided to award \$300 each to the authors of the six Canadian designs placed highest in order of merit by the expert. Under such an invidious distinction the most capable architects will not compete as the competition really resolves itself into a contest for the paltry sum of \$300 and the slight possibility of obtaining the commission to erect the building. If your board had selected six Canadian architects of the highest standing, the competition would have been one between six representative architects resident in the United States, and six resident in Canada, and would have been likely to meet with a hearty response from Canadians, but under the conditions advertised the most capable architects in Canada will not compete, and the competition will really be between six firms of architects in the United States—some of them of the highest standing—and such men in Canada as are prepared to compete for the \$300, knowing that the best men in the profession in Canada are not competing.

2nd. That the amount appropriated is utterly inadequate for the erection of the building, and that any design which could be carried out for any sum near the amount named would be absolutely certain of rejection.

Very truly yours,

S. H. TOWNSEND, Registrar.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up clause by clause, and finally adopted as follows:

Preliminary Examinations.—Candidates for admission as pupils or students in the office of a registered architect, must have passed the examination of the second form of a High School or Collegiate Institute; or, as an alternative, the entrance examination to a High School or Collegiate Institute, and an examination in mathematics and either French or German equivalent to the second form as above.

Intermediate and Final Examinations.—In addition to the preliminary examination, every student shall be required to pass three other examinations, two of which shall be intermediate and one final. The first intermediate shall be taken not less than one, and not more than two years from the time of passing the preliminary; and the second intermediate not less than one nor more than two years after passing the first intermediate. The final examination, admitting to registration as an architect may be taken at the expiration of the term of the student's indenture, or any time thereafter as he may elect.

First Intermediate.—Each candidate shall at least one month prior to the date fixed for the first intermediate examination, send to the Registrar the following drawings which must be certified as his own work:

Two sheets of the Orders of Architecture; two sheets of the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular Periods; two examples in each period, such as a door, window or arcade—shown by plan, section and elevation; one sheet of Mouldings and Ornament, embodying examples of each of the above Periods.

The topics only of the examinations were decided upon, viz.:—Elements of Construction, History of Architecture, Mathematics, Technical Subjects, Applied Mechanics.

Second Intermediate.—Drawings under the same conditions as first intermediate; one sheet of drawings of Ornament, freehand, from the round in outline; three sheets of drawings, measured from existing examples; one sheet Detail Construction of Roof-truss, with joints and iron work drawn to a large scale; one sheet showing construction of wooden floors, wood and iron, and iron and terra cotta; two sheets, Stone, Brick and Iron Details; two sheets, Details of Joiners' Work.

History of Architecture; Characteristics of Styles; Strength of Materials; Graphic Statics; Structural Iron Work; Mathematics; Electricity.

Final.—Set of Drawings, Details and Specifications of Building of Character to be designated, (worked out at time of examination); Nature and Properties of Materials—Limes, Cements, Stone, Brick, Timber; Foundations; Practical Knowledge of Building Trades; Heating and Ventilation; Applied Mathematics; Sanitary Science; Architectural Jurisprudence.

Honor Course (optional).—Levelling; Bills of Quantities; Acoustics; Modelling.

The members of the Council resident in Toronto were appointed a Committee to compile a list of text books required for preparation for the above examinations, and to define and add to the list of subjects as may be thought advisable.

It was decided that students may go up for the two intermediate examinations to such localities as may be designated by the Council from time to time, as may be required. The final examinations, however, to be held in all cases in Toronto. The examinations to be held in April of each year, all candidates giving one month's notice to the Registrar of their intention of presenting themselves—the fee in all cases to accompany the notice.

The Council then adjourned.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH CLUB.

THE first annual dinner of the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club was held on Thursday evening, December 18th, in Webb's restaurant. The affair passed off very pleasantly. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. S. G. Curry. Seated around the table were the following gentlemen: Messrs. S. H. Townsend, Frank Darling, Edmund Burke, W. S. Thomson, J. P. Murray, Samuel Jones, John Gemmill, C. H. Mortimer, A. H. Gregg, C. H. Acton Bond, A. Clarence Barrett, Harry Simpson, Herbert E. Matthews, Ernest Wiiby, Murray A. White, Bert Westwood, C. J. Gibson, A. F. Cuerrier, R. Wilson, G. Clapperton, G. Moir, Joseph Yorke, G. Self, J. A. Radford, Edgar B. Jarvis, F. S. Baker, J. W. Siddell, J. A. Pearson, Alf. Broadhurst, A. C. Cassels, C. J. Read, Herbert Eddis, J. J. Woolnough, J. Worsley, J. Walker, J. G. S. Russell, T. R. Johnson, C. F. Wickson, C. J. Lennox, Henry Sproatt, D. W. Kinghorn, J. N. Gander, Fred. Armstrong, Arthur Dinnis, John Ritchie, jr., J. F. Brown, Geo. W. Gouinlock and C. J. Gibson.

The discussion of the excellent *menu* engaged the full attention of the company for upwards of an hour, when the toast list was entered upon, the health of Her Majesty the Queen being followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Curry in proposing the toast of "Canada," said he was glad to know that this toast was taking its proper place at our social gatherings. It was a right thing that they should remember always that they were Canadians. (Applause.) If they expected ever to be a great country and a great people, they must think well of themselves. There was a too prevalent idea on the part of some of our citizens to look upon Canada as an inferior place. If those people thought this a poor country, why did they stay here? Unfortunately this question had become in some respects a political one. There were to-day in Canada two parties, both of which claimed to be loyal to the country. Possibly they were. But it must be admitted that there was on the part of one a desire to win place and power by more or less disparaging our country. That should be discountenanced by every true Canadian. Country should be put before party every time. He was sorry to observe that Sir Richard Cartwright spoke recently of Canada as a breeding ground to furnish men for the United States, and that he said that one million Canadians were citizens of the United States. Of course Sir Richard claimed that the National Policy was to blame for this, though that was a question not to be argued on the present occasion. He believed that fewer of our people would leave Canada if they were given the opportunities they should receive. It was well enough for Sir Richard Cartwright to say that Canadians can win high positions on the other side, but it was a strange thing that if that was so they could not succeed at home. It was the old story of a prophet not without honour save in his own country. As Canadians, we should stick up for our own country. Even if it were a barren land we should be proud of it, but much more so when it was the fact that few countries could compare with this. He did not think there was a people that stood more by their country than the Scotch, and yet there were many finer lands. Who ever saw a Scotchman sneer at his country? The Scotchman loves the highlands—especially the Highlander. (Applause and laughter.) As Canadians we should be always Canadian. We should never think it a clever thing to run down our country. It might be true that we are not so progressive as some other people in some ways, and possibly that was an advantage. (Applause.) Canada had shown a remarkable amount of progress. We have the best canal system in the world and the best railway system. Notwithstanding that some parties said the C. P. Railway would never earn sufficient to pay for the axle grease, the company was able to pay a dividend upon the enormous capital required to build the road. We must try to develop a national spirit. We must develop our resources. It will never do for us to be simply producers of crude materials for our neighbors. By that means we might become wealthy, but we would never become an independent people. To develop national life, we should encourage art, for the love of the beautiful had much to do with the formation of character. We should strive to be just as cultured as any people. Canada had no reason to be ashamed of her men of letters, although at one time it was declared that we could never have a national literature, and the time must come when art will also occupy a high place. He asked the company to drink to the "Prosperity of Canada."

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and was followed by the singing of "The Maple Leaf."

The Chairman announced that the next toast was that of the "Ontario Association of Architects." He coupled with this the name of the Secretary, Mr. S. H. Townsend. He regretted that Mr. Storm was unable to attend. He read the following reply which had been received to the invitation to the President:

"Mr. Storm regrets exceedingly that an important engagement made some days ago will deprive him of the pleasure of attending the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club supper. He desires at the same time to express his appreciation of the honour done him by the kind invitation, and to convey his best wishes for the success of the Club and the prosperity of the individual members thereof."

Mr. Townsend replying to the toast, which had been very heartily received, thanked the company for the way they had honoured the toast and regretted that Mr. Storm was unable to be present to reply. It had been well said by Mr. Curry that as Canadians we should be proud of our country. After having seen a great deal of the world he was of opinion that Canada had reason to be proud of her architects. The best buildings in the country were the work of Canadians. (Applause.) There was a feeling among a certain class of the community that Canada could not produce architects. The buildings which this country could show were a sufficient refutation of that statement. Canadians could point to Toronto University as the work of a native which could compare favorably with anything on the continent. Many of our other buildings of less import were not inferior in architectural beauty and utility to any that could be pointed out on this continent.

Mr. Samuel Jones.—The Bank of Montreal is a Darling. (Laughter.)

Mr. Townsend was glad to be able to say that Canada was the first country to recognize the architect legally and give him a standing. The Act of Incorporation did not give the architects all they desired, but enough to make a good start upon. He had no doubt that in the future they would be able to get additional legislation which would place the profession in the position it should occupy. With this in view it became the members of the profession to strive to elevate their ideas of professional honor and to train themselves for the high position they were destined to occupy. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in proposing the next toast—"Sister Societies"—welcomed the representatives of the Students' Art League who were present. He would ask Mr. Thomson, president of the League, and Mr. Jones, the secretary, to respond. The League deserved a considerable amount of praise. They were a society composed of young men who had banded

themselves together for the object of studying art and learning how to draw. This Art League was largely the outcome of Toronto's lack of an Art School. If Toronto had an Art School the Art League would never have come into existence. Fortunately, we had such a League, and it was doing a good work. It was to be hoped, notwithstanding, that Toronto would soon have an efficient Art School. In the past the Art School had done harm rather than good, and it was a matter of congratulation that the state of the present organization was such that it was practically dead. He wished the Art League every success.

Mr. Thomson, in responding, recognized in the Sketch Club co-workers with the Art League. They were both part of the art training system which the young men of Toronto were building up. The Sketch Club was the outgrowth of an idea that was germinated in the Art League. He hoped the two organizations would work together harmoniously and for their mutual benefit. The development of national feeling, as had been pointed out by the President, was a great want in this country. If it was true that Canada was supplying men to the United States it was a high compliment to this country. But why did such a state of things exist? There was very little here to keep the young men in the country. The Government did not encourage art, but gave a paltry grant of \$400 a year to this important branch of education. To illustrate the way Canadians were appreciated abroad he mentioned the fact that a young Canadian had been sent to Europe by the architects of the World's Fair, Chicago, for the purpose of selecting the best ideas for the construction of the necessary buildings. It was a mistake for the Government not to educate the people to appreciate art. Let them do this and encourage national feeling and the young men would not be compelled to go abroad.

Mr. Samuel Jones said that if the Architectural Sketch Club sprang from the Art Students' League the babe had become bigger than its father. This was another example of the national vitality of the Canadian character and of its ability to "get there." There was in this country a better element to work upon than in the United States or the old land. He was sorry that politicians were more inclined to copy the evils of the old world than to copy the advantages. The sudden growth of the Sketch Club was proof of the future that was in store for art. Out of evil comes good, and out of the want of an Art School had sprung these two organizations. It should not be long before they should join their forces and see that there is established in this city a Government Art School worthy of the name. In the coming contest with the authorities to re-establish the school upon a proper basis lovers of art look with confidence for the assistance of the Architectural Sketch Club and the Art Students' League. Although we have good material to work upon, it is necessary to success that we should obey the economic laws. There was no use breeding architects or painters if the public taste for their work was not cultivated. It was a lasting disgrace that in a civilized community like this art was at so low an ebb. A young man would not stop in Canada even from patriotic motives when by going abroad his work was better appreciated and he received better pay for it. There must be a new missionary crusade. We want such a man as Ruskin to inspire us to go out as missionaries among the plutocratic aristocrats and teach them art. Here in Toronto the best pictures were sold at too low a figure. The highest class of pictures were sold at a much less profit than the worst class. The people pretended to want art—they simply wanted art pretence. They would rather pay three-quarters of a dollar for veneer than one dollar for solid mahogany. He was more than shocked at what was called the civilization of the United States. They knew little of art, and their lives were spent in a fevered haste in trying to scrape into their own pockets somebody else's dollars. He was glad to know that the women were taking an interest in art, and warned the architects that they would have to look to their laurels as the other sex would be invading their sphere. (Applause.)

The Chairman then invited the company to fill their glasses and drink to the "Building Interests."

Mr. G. Moir in responding assured those present that the builders were not so bad a set as some people would make them out to be. There was a feeling entertained by a few that the builders were little better than rogues, and that they must be well looked after all the time. He thought that was not quite true.

A voice—The builders are bricks.

Mr. Moir had found from an experience of 20 years that when a builder did right he would not have much trouble with the architects. He was glad to be able to say that nearly all the finest structures in the city were the work of native builders. Contractors were glad to do good work when the architects supplied good designs, which the architects, of course, always did. The Builders' Society had tried to secure the adoption of a new form of tender, but they had not succeeded very well so far. Some firms would agree to the proposal, but others would not. He hoped that eventually they would arrive at an agreement. From the intellectual faces he saw around him he was sure that the architects of the future would not be inferior to those of the present.

Mr. John Ritchie also replied by singing "Jack's Yarn."

Mr. Joseph York said that the labour question often gave the builders a great deal of trouble. Sometimes a labor difficulty often led to great pecuniary loss. He would like to see a uniform tender adopted that would be satisfactory to all. The buildings of Toronto compared very favorably with those he had seen anywhere else. He hoped that as time went on Canadians would have more money to expend on buildings.

The Chairman said that as to the quality of buildings in Toronto he believed it was superior to that of any city on the continent. The average building in Toronto was a great deal better than the average building in any city in the United States. Look at the Auditorium in Chicago and you will find the jambs so crooked that you could see the defect across a ten acre field. Even in the Library at Boston there were defects. It was astonishing that expensive buildings in the United States were finished in such a rough and ready way. The builders of Toronto were deserving of a great deal of credit, and the responsible builders were desirous of giving full return for every cent they received. They were not all like this. He met one builder who told him that it was the architect's business to see that the builder did his work, and the builder's business to see that he did not. (Laughter.) He did not believe in that. If the architect was to be turned into a detective, it would make the work very expensive. The contractor in the present state of the labor market had a difficult task. It was well enough to say when workmen were dissatisfied, "get others," but that simply meant to get others just as bad.

The Chairman then proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and called upon Mr. J. P. Murray to reply.

Mr. Murray said he was glad that the architects were taking an interest in art. The object of the present gathering was that they might do some interior decoration. (Laughter.) He had been glad to hear the patriotic remarks of the Chairman. He was proud of being a Canadian—an Irish Canadian and a British Canadian. He thought architects would do well to see that sky windows were made so that they could be more easily handled

for ventilation purposes. The placing of windows was an important matter. Looking at the Board of Trade buildings he noticed that some of the windows had been placed in such a way as to detract from the utility of the building. Another important matter he desired to draw attention to was the building of stairways. So narrow had the stairs of the Bank of Commerce been made that the other day a portly costumer was unable to ascend them and the manager had to be called down to see him. (Laughter).

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Ladies," and called upon Mr. A. Clarence Barrett. Mr. Barrett in a few well chosen remarks passed an eulogy on the fair sex which drew forth much applause.

The Chairman said the next toast was that of the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER. This paper was a benefit that few could properly estimate. In the past it had done exceedingly well considering the field that is open for it in Canada. Of course there were people who said the paper should be this, or should be that, but these people who were freest with advice gave it the least substantial assistance. The CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER compared very favorably with the architectural papers of England and the United States when they were of similar age, and the time would come when it would rank with any publication of the kind in the world.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, the company singing "For it's a jolly good journal" to the tune of "He's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. C. H. Mortimer in replying thanked those present for the kind and hearty manner in which the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER had been referred to.

The toast to "The Press" was responded to by Mr. J. A. Radford.

The company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

During the evening an excellent musical programme was rendered. Mr. J. J. Woolnough presided at the piano. The programme was as follows: Instrumental duet, "The Last Chord"—Messrs. J. Worsley and J. J. Woolnough; Song, "The Gay Hussar"—Mr. Herbert E. Matthews; Song, "Our Architectural Wheel"—words by Mr. Alf. Broadhurst, music by Mr. J. A. Radford; Recitation, "The Street Minstrel"—Mr. J. A. Pearson; Song, "The Fishing Excursion"—Mr. J. Worsley; Song, "In Sweet September"—Mr. E. B. Lucas; Song, "He's in the Asylum Now"—Mr. J. J. Woolnough; Song, "She Was"—Mr. H. Simpson; Song, "A Freshening Breeze"—Mr. George Self.

INCEPTION AND PROGRESS OF THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS.

ON the third day of October, 1887, nine architects of the City of Toronto met in Mr. W. G. Storm's office and determined to form a society with the object of advancing the interests of architecture, and to bring about a better feeling between the members of the profession. The attempt had been made before with some degree of success, but owing to a number of causes the society then formed died a natural death in its infancy, leaving behind little or nothing to keep its memory green except a few debts which were liquidated by the officers without any assistance from the members. But the society formed on the third of Oct., 1887, has had a very different course, as it is in a most active condition at the present date, after an existence of more than three years. In proof that it is in active working order, we may say that it has twenty-four members in good standing and a cash balance of nearly \$750.

It is not, however, of the Toronto Architectural Guild that we desire to speak, but of the formation and existence of the Ontario Association of Architects. On the 8th of Nov., 1888, the members of the Toronto Architectural Guild made their first move to form a permanent Association by appointing the following committee, viz.: Messrs. D. B. Dick, Strickland, Burke, Lennox, Storm, Townsend, Langton, Darling, Langley, Goidon and the Secretary (Curry), to prepare and submit a scheme to the Guild.

As the result of the Guild's efforts, the Ontario Association of Architects was formed on March 21st, 1889, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto. About sixty members of the profession attended from all parts of the province, who, with but one or two exceptions, became active members of the Association.

After the meeting had been properly organized, it took into consideration the By-laws which had been prepared by a special committee, and passed them with some slight changes. The next business was the election of officers, who were as follows: W. G. Storm, Toronto, President; Geo. Durand, London, first Vice-President; E. King Arnoldi, Ottawa, second Vice-President; and Jas. Balfour, Hamilton, third Vice-President. S. H. Townsend, Toronto, was elected Secretary, and D. B. Dick, Toronto, Treasurer. The following members were elected to the Council: Edmund Burke, Toronto; J. Belcher, Peterborough; Jos. Power, Kingston; Mulligan, Hamilton, and S. G. Curry, Toronto.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner at the Queen's by the members of the Toronto Architectural Guild, and there was formed an Association of Architects which in the short period of one year was to become the first incorporated Association of Architects in the world.

During the summer months of 1889 the membership of the Association increased to ninety members. In Nov. of that year the first annual convention was held in the Canadian Institute building, Toronto. The convention was in every way a success, the exhibition of drawings being very much superior to what was expected. At this meeting it was determined to apply to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for an Act of Incorporation. A draft of the proposed Act was submitted and adopted, and nothing more could be done until the meeting of the Ontario Legislature. On the evening of the last day of the convention the visiting members were entertained at dinner by the Toronto members at Harry Webb's restaurant. One of the toasts of the

evening was "Success to the proposed Act of Incorporation," but while many drank to the toast, by far the greater number looked upon the attempt to secure incorporation as a forlorn hope. The Act was submitted to the Ontario Legislature at its last session and became law, but only after many changes had been made in the wording. The Government had deemed the measure of such public importance that it had made it a Government Bill. Some opposition was made to the Bill by members of the profession who were afraid that it might injure them in some undefinable manner. To what extent this opposition affected the Bill it is hard to say, as the Committee were not aware at the time that there was any opposition to the passing of an Act of such great advantage to the profession in its desire for advancement. After some delay on the part of the Government the Council was gazetted. The members are Messrs. W. G. Storm, F. J. Rastrick and D. B. Dick for three years; King Arnoldi, W. A. Edwards and David Ewart for two years; and Edmund Burke, Wm. Blackwell and S. G. Curry for one year. The names of the old Council which had been elected by the Association were given to the Government from which to select the new Council, but of the number they only appointed six, selecting the balance of three from among the members of the Association. The Council met and organized according to the proclamation, and did such business as was possible on the occasion of their first meeting. A second meeting was held by the Council on December 3rd and 4th. At this meeting draft by-laws for the Association and Council were considered. The qualifications necessary for enrollment as a student were also settled, as well as the examinations which he would be required to pass before he can become a properly qualified member of the Association. Another meeting of the Council will be necessary before the annual meeting in February to give the final touches to the above measures.

The first annual meeting of the incorporated society will take place on the third Tuesday in February, when a very full attendance of the members is expected. The success of the Association is assured if ordinary care is observed in electing suitable men on the Council. Let us hope that the members of the Association will have its interests sufficiently at heart to select capable and energetic men to this position.

"CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER" COMPETITION FOR A CITY HOUSE.

THE publisher of the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER invites competitive designs for a city house to cost not more than \$4,000.

The house is to be erected by a young architect having an income of about \$2,500 per annum and a family of three young children.

The house is to be placed on the south side of the street. The lot is 30 feet wide and the houses on either side are built up to within 2½ feet of the dividing line. They are at a uniform distance of 15 feet from the street line, and 55 feet deep including wing, and of the same class as the one in competition.

In judging the designs the disposition of the various rooms with regard to convenience and especially direct sunlight will be taken into consideration. Good planning will receive higher marks than good elevations, *i.e.*, a good plan having poor elevations, compared with a good elevation set up from a poor plan.

The city by-laws will not permit of wooden construction below level of first floor, while above that it must be either plastered or tiled.

The heating will be by hot air and position of registers should be indicated.

Each competitor will be required to give a concise description of his design, stating the materials he proposes should be used in its construction.

The first premium will be \$15; second \$5; third one year's subscription to CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER. A premium of \$5 will also be given for the best perspective sent in.

Drawings must be made on sheets of heavy white paper or bristol board 14 x 20 inches in size, and must be drawn sufficiently coarse to allow of their being reduced to one-half the above size. Drawings must be made in *firm, strong lines*, with pen and black ink. No color or brush work will be allowed. Each drawing must be marked with the *nom de plume* of its author, and the author's name, *nom de plume* and full address, enclosed in sealed envelope, must accompany each drawing sent in.

Drawings must reach the office of the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, 14 King street west, Toronto, not later than the 5th day of February next.

The right is reserved of publishing any design sent in. All designs will be returned to their authors within a reasonable time after the competition is decided.

The decision as to the respective merits of the designs submitted will be made by a committee appointed by the Architectural Guild of Toronto.

All architects practising in cities are debarred from this competition.

We regret to announce the death in England of Mr. A. D. Steele, late of Hutchinson & Steele, architects, Montreal. Mr. Steele gave up business in Canada a short time since under the orders of his doctor and started for England, hoping to regain his health. Mr. Steele was very highly thought of in Montreal, being a quiet unassuming gentleman, and his many friends will regret to hear of his sudden demise.

Fireproofing having become a necessity it is very gratifying to note Canadian enterprise in the success of one of the many industries of the Rathbun Co., Deseronto, Ont. We refer particularly to their porous terra cotta fireproofing and hollow tile. This industry has been in existence about two years, and we learn that besides many others the following prominent buildings have used their fireproofing: Bank of Commerce, Toronto; Board of Trade, Toronto; Canada Life Building, Toronto; The Biological Library, Toronto; The Printing Bureau, Ottawa; The Royal Insurance Building, Montreal; The Sun Insurance Building, Montreal; The Canadian Pacific Windsor street Station, Montreal, (in part); The St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery, Montreal; The Telephone Building, Montreal; The Kingston, Napanee & Western Railroad Stations; G. A. Drummond's Residence, Montreal, (in part); Napanee Post Office, Ontario; The Nickel Wing of the Kingston Hospital.

CANADIAN BUILDING STONES.

THE following report prepared by a Committee of the Quebec Association of Architects on the nature of the building stones in what is known as the Lake St. John District, will no doubt prove of interest and value to Canadian architects and builders :

To the "Province of Quebec Association of Architects," and all whom it may concern :

The undersigned, at the instance of the Quebec Local Association of Architects, have the honor to make the following report on the quarries now open on the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway line; the said quarries having been visited at the invitation of the Railway Company, on the 13th and 14th inst., in company with other architects, stone cutters and others.

1. The first quarry visited and called "Bourg-Louis" quarry, is situated at a half mile distance on this side of the station of that name, and thirty miles and a half from Quebec.

It was opened last summer by M. Ignace Bilodeau, who is also the proprietor. A number of bridge piers and culverts have been constructed in its neighborhood with stone extracted from it. All the stone paving of Dambourges hill in this city has been drawn from there since. Although opened for a comparatively short time, the appearances at present are that this quarry will furnish a very fine building stone. The predominating colors in it are the red, blue and light grey, which blending together, produce sometimes a good effect.

2. The second quarry is situated at a distance of one mile from the Riviere a Pierre station, which is itself at 58 miles distance from Quebec. It is on the slope of a mountain and a few arpents only from the main road. It was opened by M. Frs. Parent during the course of last summer, but it is owned by M. Voyer. We find there some layers of stone of above three feet in thickness and very regular, which could furnish material for monolith columns and other stones of large dimensions. The stone is coarse grained, of a grayish color admixed with red, and presents a brilliant surface owing to the feldspath which it contains; the effect is very fine.

3. About one-third of a mile further from this quarry, and on the same mountain slope, we find the quarry owned by M. Frs. Parent, which was opened by him only a few weeks ago. The stone from this quarry has all the qualities which characterize its neighbor. It is being employed at present in the construction of a house for the Hon. Chas. Langelier at the corner of Grande-Alley and Conrey streets, in this city. The string courses dividing the stories will probably be polished, as the stone gives every indication of lending itself well to the process. Stone from this quarry and the previous one has been used in the facings of Chevalier Baillarge's house on St. Louis street (on the site of the old Montgomery house) and the adjoining one owned by M. Hogan, nevertheless the eye cannot detect any difference in the appearance of the two stones, a fact which proves their identity. As the quarry is situated at a certain distance from the railway line, the company will construct a siding to facilitate transport.

4. At half a mile distance from Miquick river station, and at 74 1/2 miles from Quebec, we find M. Bolanger's quarry, which is being worked for a couple of years past. We can obtain here stones of very large dimensions, which the proprietor uses in the construction of monuments and constructions of all kinds; it can be easily polished and cut in any form. The Cartier-

Brehoef monument erected on the shore of Lareit river in 1889 is from that quarry, also the heavy copings and pillars around the Court House in this city. This stone is spotted with black and bluish-gray, and has a very fine appearance.

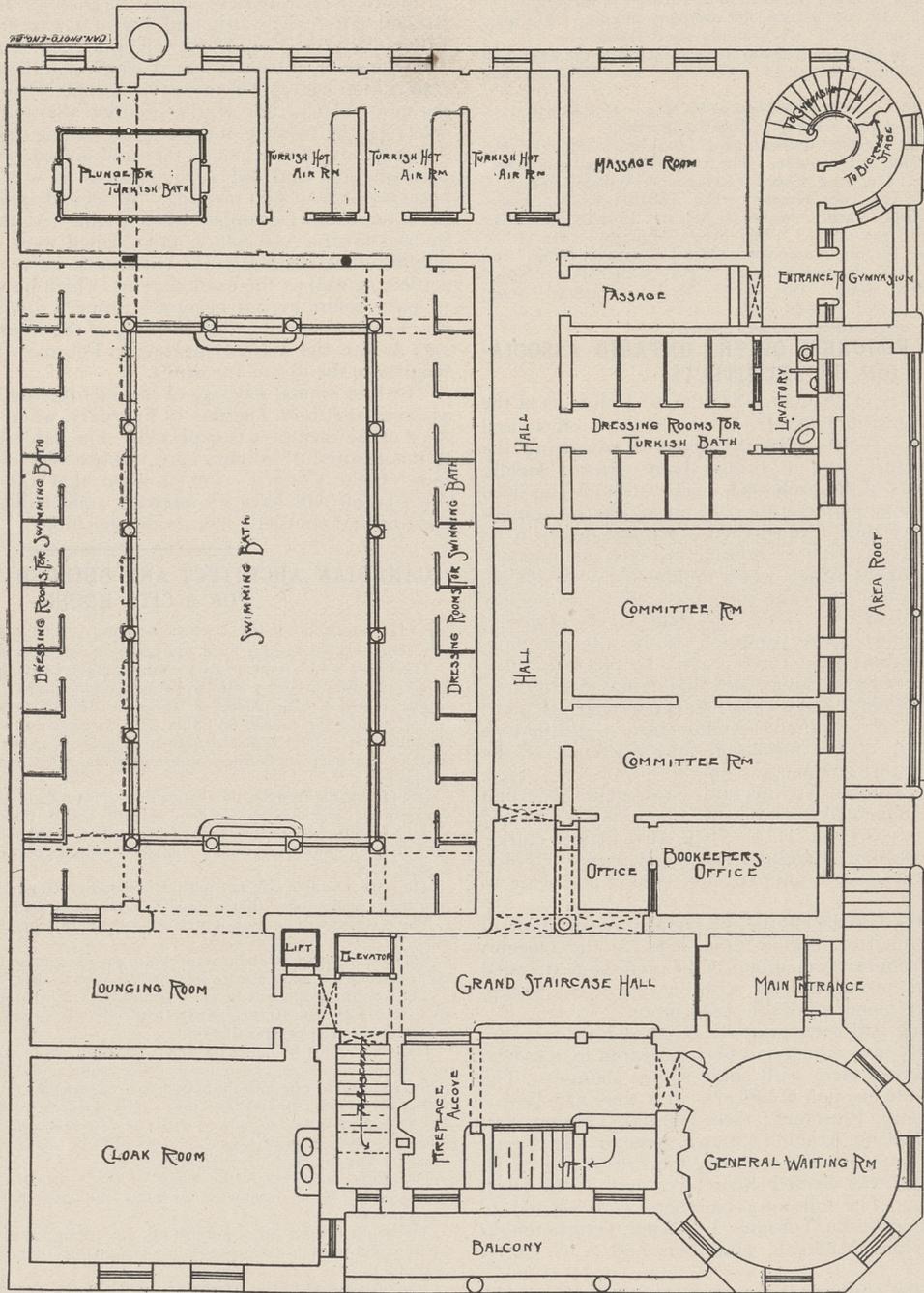
5. Further on, and at a distance of 178 1/2 miles from Quebec and 1 1/2 miles from Chambord station, on the littoral of Lake St. John on the Chicoutimi and St. Alphonse embranchment we arrive at the quarry owned by M. H. J. Beemer, the constructor of the Quebec and Lake St. John railway line. As in the case of the Bourg-Louis and Miquick quarries, this one is close to the railway line, and can consequently be easily and cheaply worked. The stone is calcareous and is stratified, as are all sedimentary stones; the thickness of the beds varies from one to two feet. As this stone can be extracted in large blocks, it is found very advantageous for the construction of bridge piers and other similar works, when stones of large dimensions are required. Its color is of a bluish gray, with a very fine grain and a texture better suited to rock work than to finely cut faces. The masonry work of the bridges on the St. Charles river at Lorette and that of Riviere des Merces is from this quarry; a fact which proves the superiority of the stone in construction of that kind, since the contractors have gone to such a great distance to obtain it.

6. At Roberval, a distance of 190 miles from Quebec, and also near the shore of Lake St. John, we find there other quarries of a calcareous nature, similar to the Chambord quarry, but of a finer and more homogeneous grain, which renders this stone more fitted to finely cut work than the others. One of these quarries is at a distance of about 4 miles on this side of Roberval station and is owned by a M. Ouellet. The stone cornices and window and door trimmings of Hebertville Church are from this quarry. The other two quarries are at a few arpents distance only from Roberval church and near the railway station; one of these belongs to M. Ephrem Brassard and the other to M. Menard. All the stone which was employed in the construction of the Ursulines Convent at Roberval comes from these two quarries.

7. A fine quarry of granite (gneiss) of a reddish color is seen at about 4 miles distance of Roberval, in a cut made for the passage of the railway; this quarry is not worked, but by the appearance of the stone we cannot but think that it would furnish a

fine building stone. At many other points on the railway line, where cuts have been made for the passage, can be seen further indications of a good stone for constructing purposes and street paving. With the exception of M. Beemer's quarry at Chambord, and those of Roberval, which are all of a calcareous nature, the other quarries mentioned are of granite (gneiss) formed by the agglomeration of three minerals: feldspath, mica and quartz. As already referred to, the granite show varied tints, but the proportion of the three minerals not being the same in each, it follows that the stone in some quarries is much harder than that of the others, according to the greater or less proportion of quartz contained in each kind. Notwithstanding this fact, all these granites can be cut with ease and give a fine polish. Their great durability renders their adoption most advantageous, in spite of their being a little more expensive to cut than lime stones, and as the means of extracting and transporting them are not costly it is clear that we should prefer them to lime stone; they also possess a greater variety and richness of colors.

The calcareous quarries of Chambord and Roberval furnish a stone of an earthly texture, coarse grained and of a rough surface when broken. The



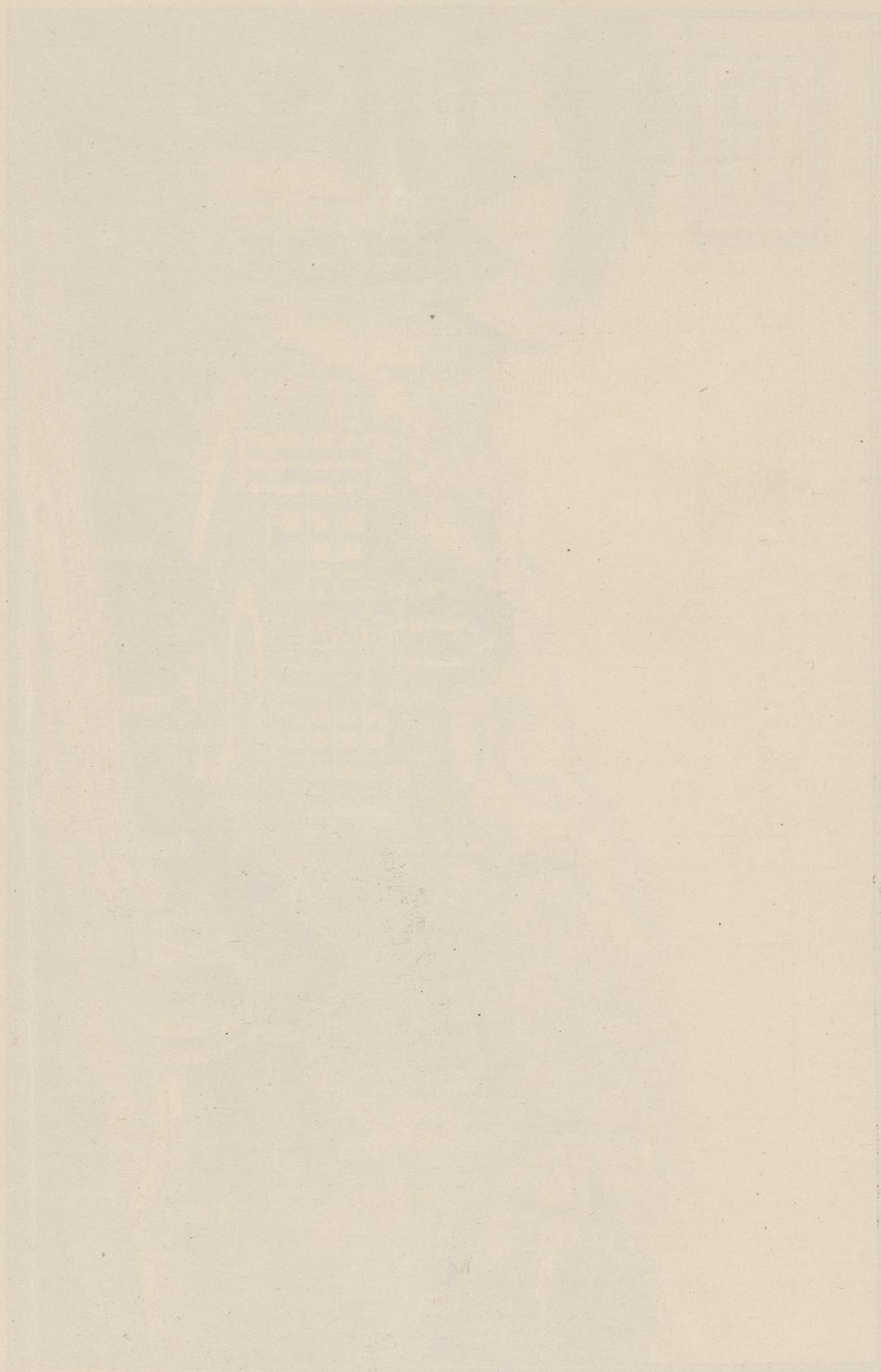
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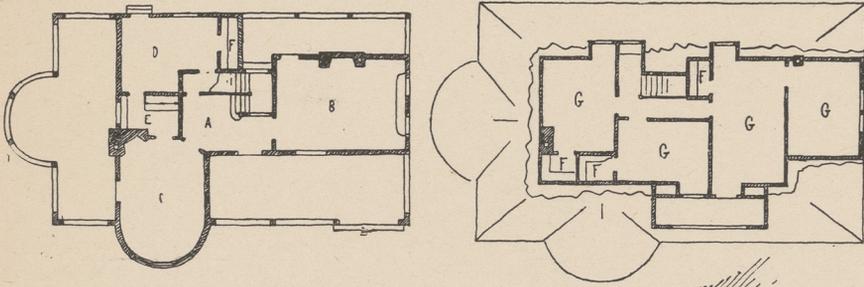


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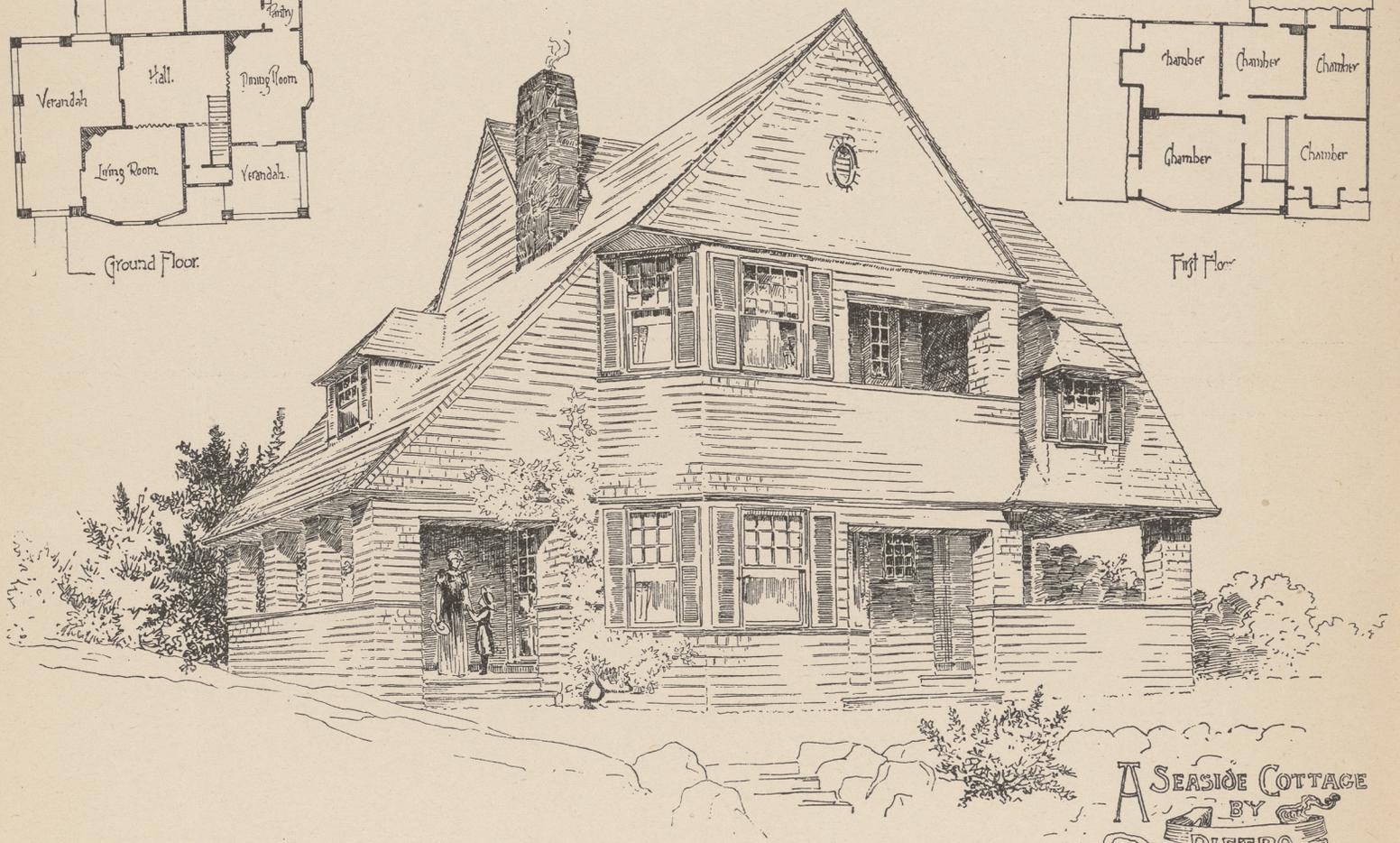
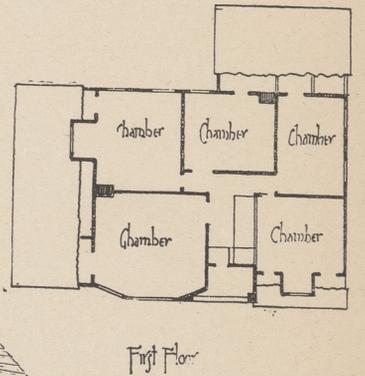
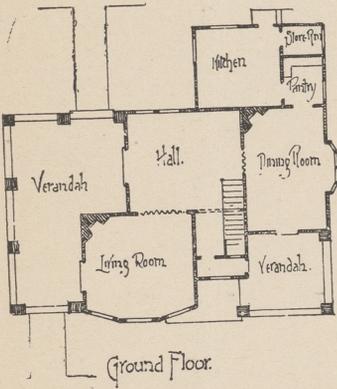
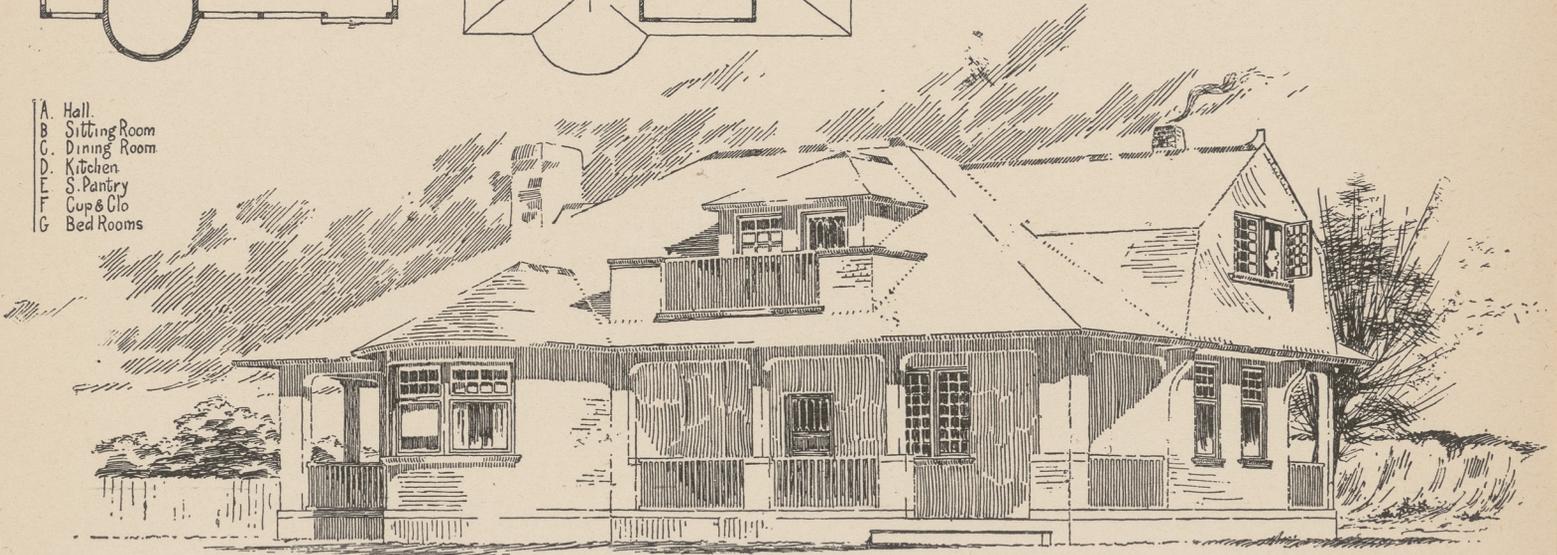
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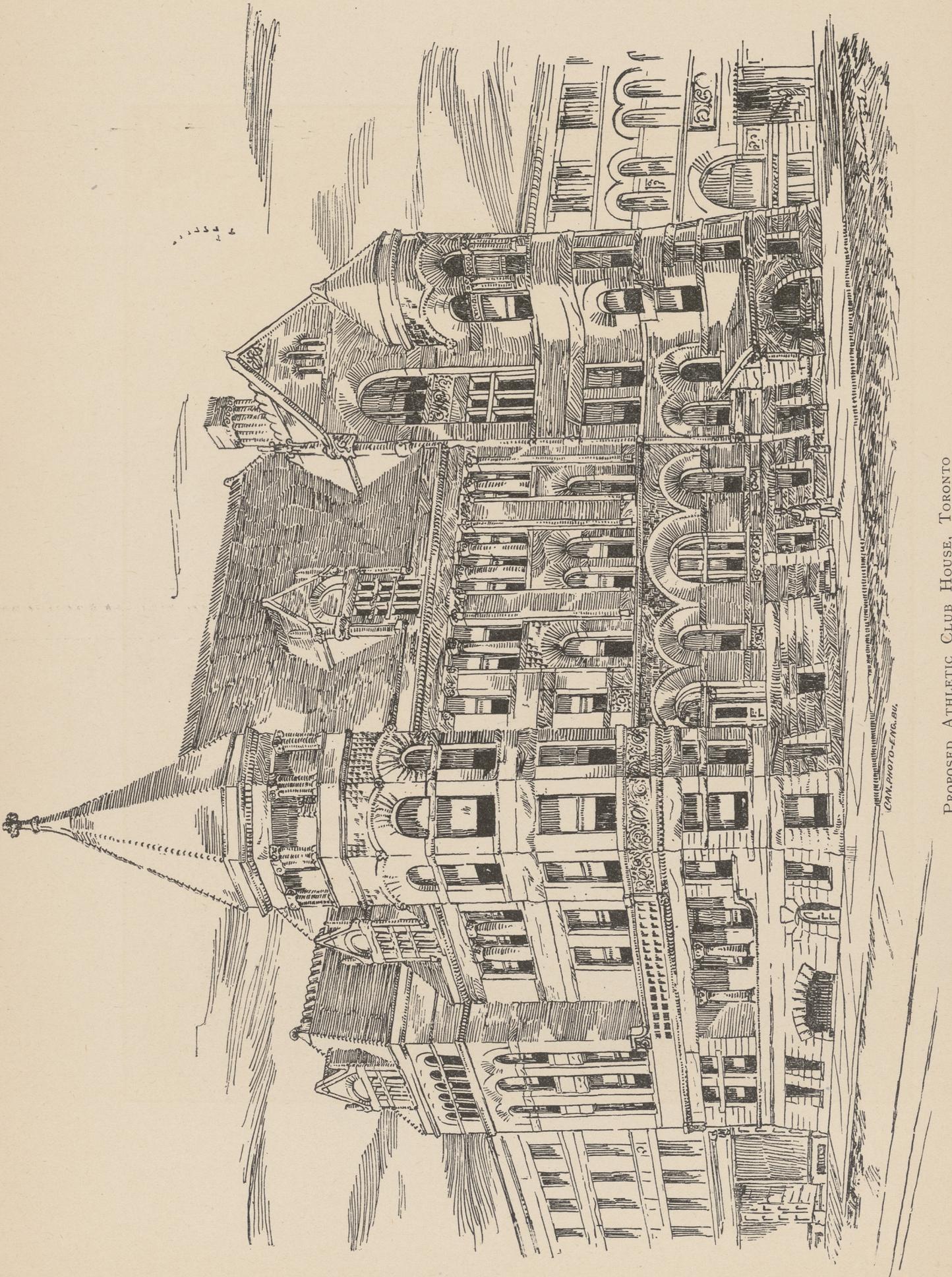
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A SEASIDE COTTAGE
BY
PIETRO

TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH CLUB COMPETITION FOR
"A COTTAGE BY THE SEA."

DESIGNS BY "BRINY" (MR. T. R. JOHNSON), AND "PIETRO" (MR. ERNEST WILBY), AWARDED FIRST AND SECOND POSITION RESPECTIVELY.

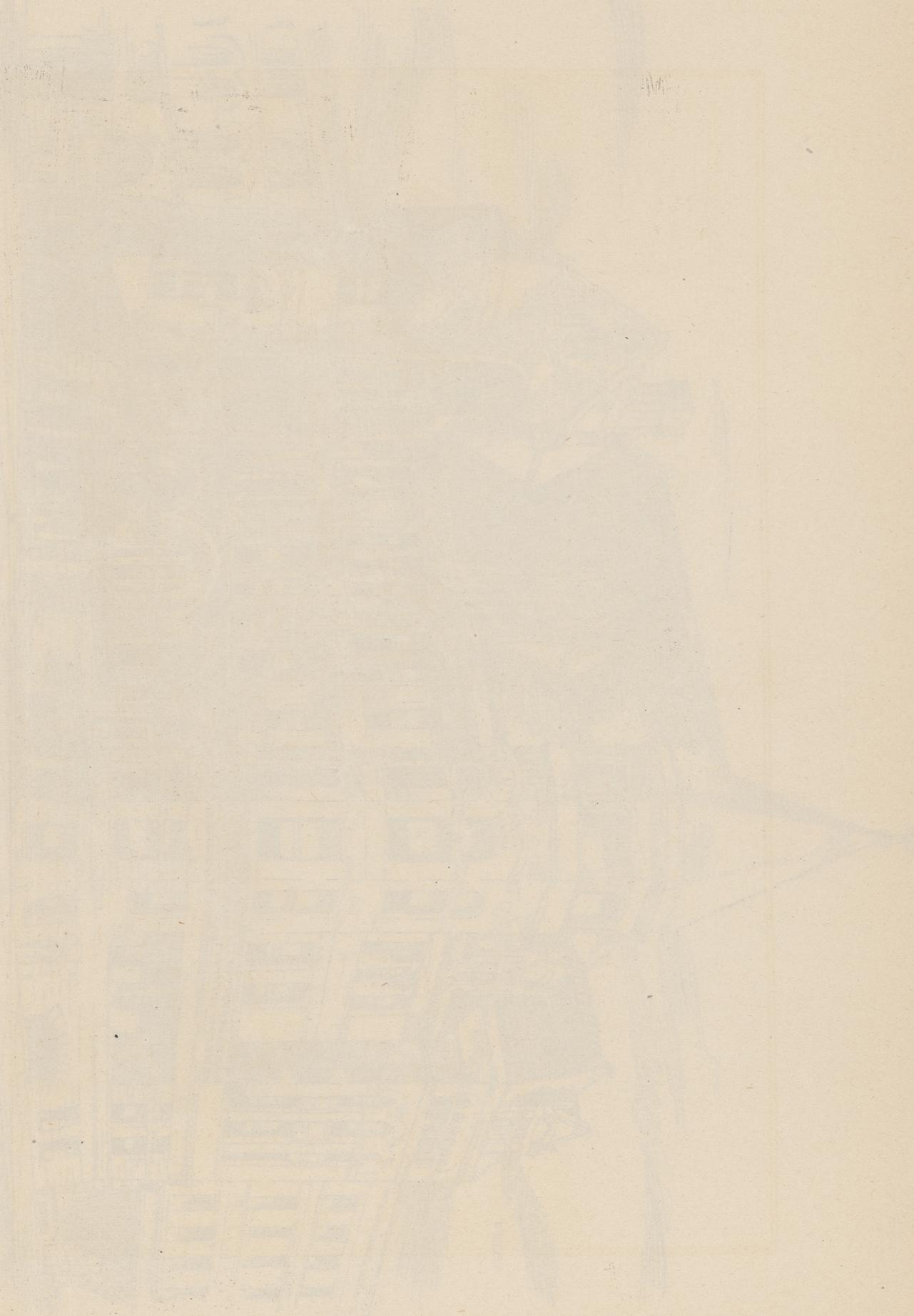


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PROPOSED ATHLETIC CLUB HOUSE, TORONTO
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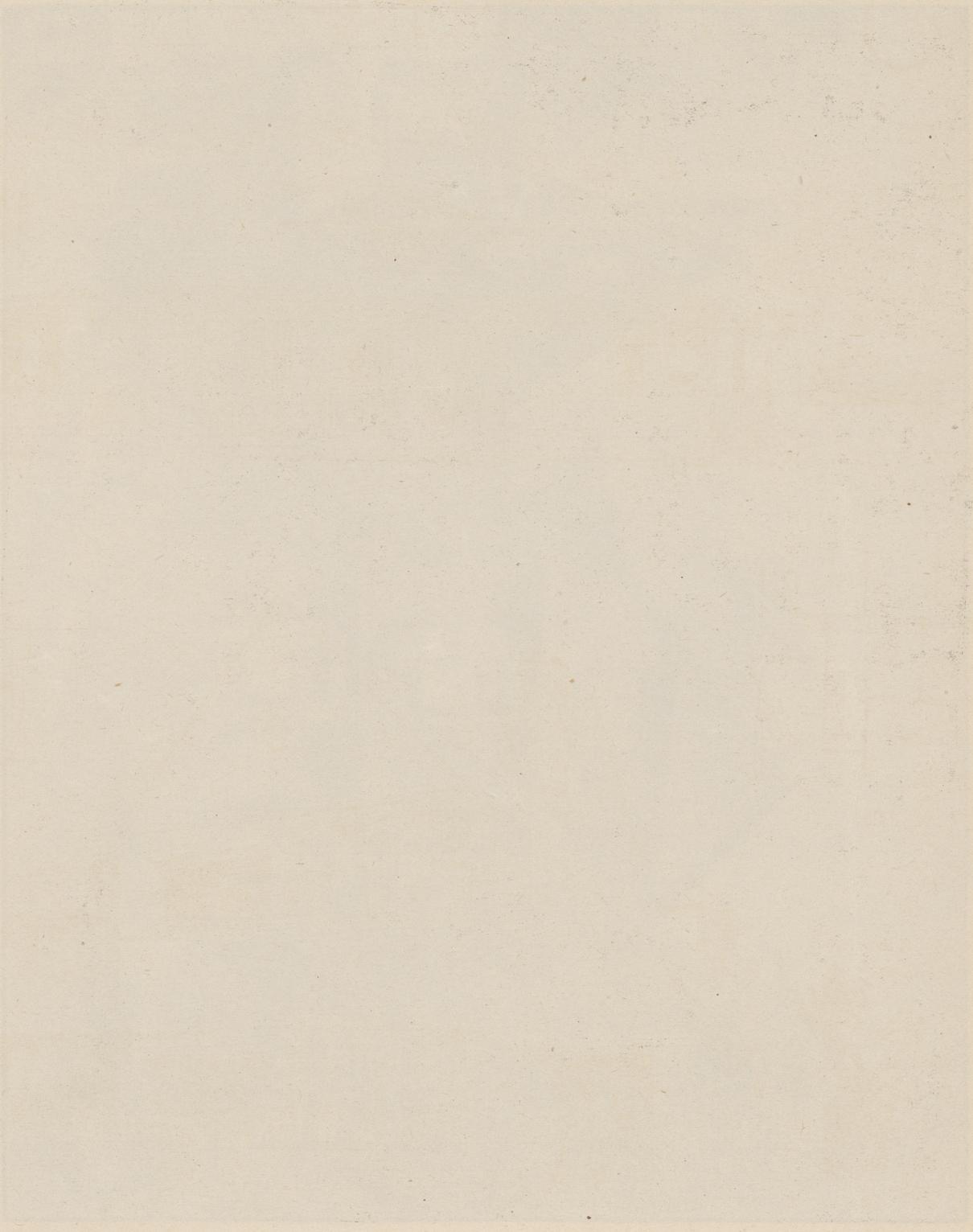


SEMI-DETACHED DOUBLE HOUSE IN NORTH STREET, TORONTO, THE PROPERTY OF MR. S. G. CURRY.

MESSRS. DARLING & CURRY, ARCHITECTS.

No. 12

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color of the stone varies from a blue to a deep gray; that of Chambord specially unites many qualities of a good free stone.

In concluding this report, we would suggest to the Province of Quebec Association of Architects the formation of a collection of stones not only from Lake St. John region, but also from the quarries of the Maritime Provinces and the Dominion in general.

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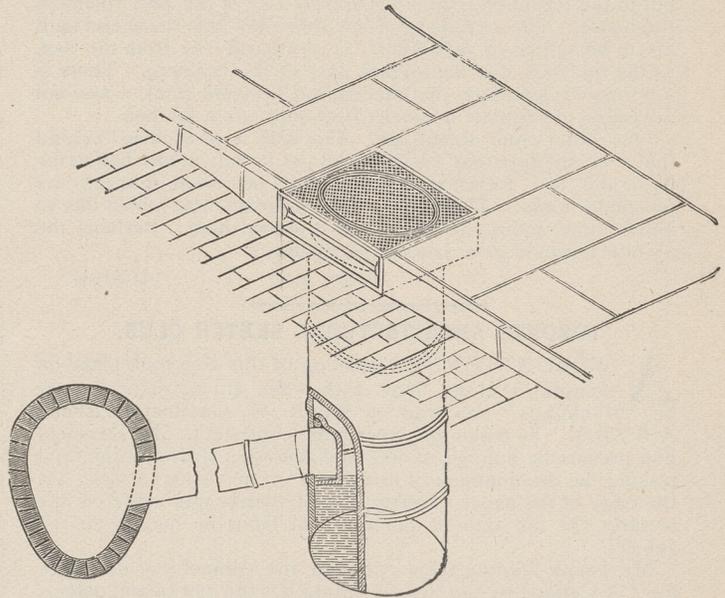
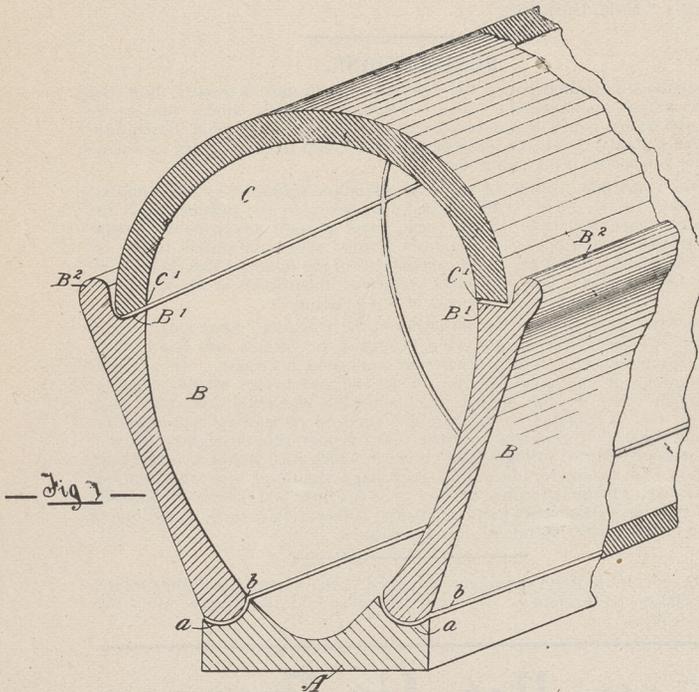
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ST. GEORGE'S PATENT VITRIFIED TILE SECTIONAL SEWER.

THE following particulars relate to inventions of Mr. St. George, City Surveyor of Montreal, to be used on the construction of sewers; and for which patents have recently been granted in the United States and Canada:

The invention has for its object to produce a sewer which shall be more

this another section of the same depth flat at the top to receive the open mouthed gully, which is made from any depth from nine inches upwards to suit the depth of the watercourse, forming a part of the sidewalk. A manhole cover is formed in it, which is keyed to prevent its being tampered with. Through this manhole cover men can descend to clean out the cess-pit, or it can be cleaned by means of scoops. The whole gully is four feet six inches deep from the watercourse level to the bottom of the cess-pit. The advantages over a brick gully are that the material is imperishable and is easily built and handled.



The following tables of comparative cost will be of interest:

Portland cement, 2 bbls., at \$3.00.....	\$6.00
Labor, 7 days, at \$1.25.....	8.75
Carter, 2 days, at \$2.00.....	4.00
Bricklayer, 2 days, at \$3.50.....	7.00
Bricks, bevelled, 750, at \$11.00 per 1,000.....	8.62
Bricks, squares, 250, at \$10.00 per 1,000.....	2.50
Sand, 1 cartload.....	.75
Bottom stone for foundation, 20 ft. at 2 cents.....	4.00
Grate stone.....	3.60
Iron grating.....	7.00
Cast iron Shedd's trap.....	1.50
Total cost.....	\$53.72

Cast iron pipe in sections, 1,100 lbs., at 2 cents per lb....	\$22.00
Labor, in setting and digging, 6 days at \$1.25.....	7.50
Carter, 1 day, at \$2.00.....	2.00
Cast iron Shedd's trap.....	1.50
Royalty.....	5.00
Total cost.....	\$38.00

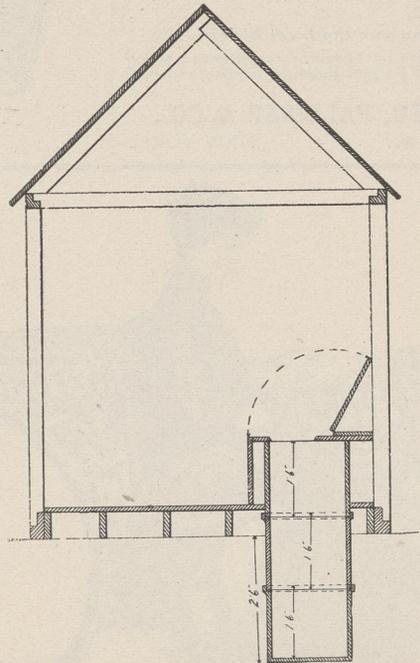
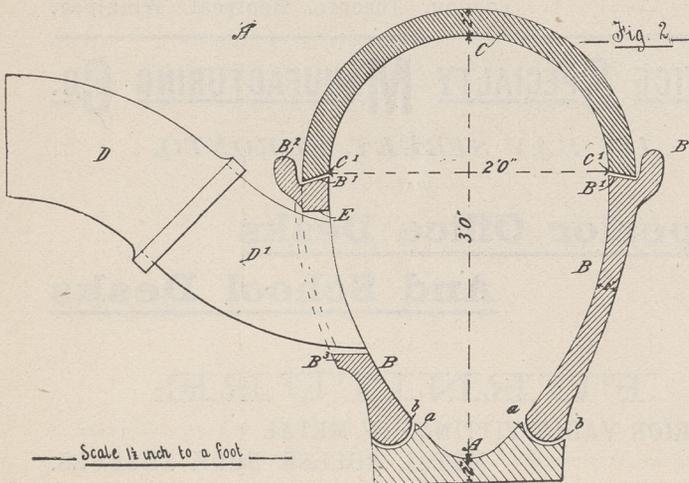
Or a difference in cost of say \$14.00 in favor of the iron gully. It is presumed that the cast iron will last for at least twenty years as against the four or five years service of the brick, added to which is its improved appearance and the fact of its being perfectly watertight.

The following cities have them in use: Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, St. Henry, St. Cunegonde, Cote St. Louis, Cote St. Antoine, Owen Sound, Peterboro'.

easily constructed and more durable than those now built up in brickwork, and have its constituent parts more easily handled and set in place than lengths of complete cross sections of such conduits, and be strongest at the points at which most resistance must be offered to the pressure of the earth.

The sewer is composed of oval cross sections of four pieces, viz., the invert, the two curved sides and the top—all these breaking joint at their longitudinal junctions. The invert is flat at the bottom, and has the skewbacks formed by its upper edges hollowed for the reception of the curved edges of the sections forming the sides, which at their junction with the invert are given such increased strength and thickness as will prevent the pressure of the earth from breaking them in. These sides have their top edges slightly sloping outward, and affording with a flange formed on each side section and projecting outward and above them, a continuous socket joint to receive the top arch, the edges of which correspond to the tops of the side sections, thereby protecting the branch or springing of the arch, i. e., the point at which it is weakest, and especially so against external pressure. When any connection is to be made, such as a house drain with the sewer, one of the side sections (having formed in it an opening, which will serve either for a right or left junction, and a rim formed round it by the thickening of the substance of which the sewer is composed), may be substituted for a side piece of the ordinary type.

The vitrified tile will be from 2 to 2½ inches thick, and will cost about from \$4.50 to \$5 per lineal yard.



This gully can also be used for cess-pools, as shown in cut.

St. George's patent cast iron street gully is made of cast iron, circular in form, twenty-four inches in diameter and upwards, the bottom section having a flat bottom, eighteen inches deep. Upon this is another section flanged with the sewer connection cast in it, also the same depth, and upon

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

DEC. 6, 1890.

Editor CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

SIR,—Will you allow me to ask you a question about house planning? The November issue of your journal contains a view with plan attached of a villa at St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. Do you think it is a good thing to have a toilet room with a water closet and bath in it placed in the centre of the house, opening only out of the reception room—apparently one of the best rooms in the house. The architects do not show how this closet and bath are to be lighted or ventilated. It can hardly be from the roof, as the roof over it is the highest part of the building. There is a borrowed light from the kitchen, but I should think it was not advisable to ventilate a water closet only into a kitchen.

One other point strikes me. The bath is so enclosed behind the w. c. partition that a bather can get in only at one-half of the bath, and this bathroom is lighted by a borrowed light into the reception room. There are many students who would like to know more about this plan than is shown here. Perhaps the architects would give us some particulars?

Yours, etc.,

“JUNIOR.”

TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH CLUB.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of this club took place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25th, when an instructive paper on “Mouldings” was read by Mr. R. W. Gambier-Bousfield, A.R.I.B.A. To make his paper more consistent, Mr. Bousfield had prepared a number of diagrams showing the formation and tracing the development of mouldings in the various styles. At the close of the paper a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer for the amount of time and labor he had given the subject.

Mr. Frank Darling then criticized the competitive drawings for “A Cottage by the Sea,” pointing out the merits and defects of each design in such a way that many useful points were obtained by those present. He thinks that a verandah, instead of running narrowly round the greater part of a building, should be of less length and wider; it would then give more room for persons to sit in groups without impeding traffic, would be useful for open air meals, and in every way more suitable for a summer cottage. The desirability of keeping the kitchen as separate as possible from the main building was emphasized, also the need of having some access to the kitchen otherwise than

through dining-room. This is one of the most successful competitions the club has had, twenty very creditable designs being sent in. The authors of the three best designs are as follows: First place, T. R. Johnson; second, Ernest Wilby; third, Chas. Lennox. A noticeable feature in the competition was a design sent in by an amateur member of the Club.

The subject of the next competition is “A Window in Some Distinctive Style”; size of openings 9 ft. x 12 ft.; drawings to be sent in by Jan. 24, 1891.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the Club met at the Public Library, and by the courtesy of Mr. Bain, examined the architectural and other art books contained in the reference department.

The reading class, conducted by Mr. S. G. Curry, which meets every Monday evening, has started with a very good attendance. Clark's Building Superintendence is the first book taken up, and it is proposed to work conjointly therewith on D. C. Berg's “Safe Building.”

PUBLICATIONS.

Canada's illustrated paper, the Dominion Illustrated, is greatly improved under its new management. The Christmas Number, kindly sent us by the publishers, is of a high character in point of letterpress and illustration, and as a purely Canadian production, does credit to the country as well as to the enterprise of the publishers.

The Christmas edition of the Cosmopolitan Magazine is one hundred thousand copies. The order, as originally given to the printers, was for 85,000 copies, but while on the press it was thought advisable to increase the number to 100,000. It contains a feature never attempted before by any magazine, consisting of 123 cartoons from the brush of Dan Beard, the now famous artist, who did such wonderful illustrations in Mark Twain's book, “The Yankee at the Court of King Arthur.”

To Mr. James Acton, the publisher of the Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal, is due the credit of having produced the largest and handsomest special number of a trade journal ever published in Canada. In addition to upwards of 200 pages of letter press and engravings of the principal Canadian cities, leading leather manufacturers, wholesale and retail shoe stores, etc., it contains more than one hundred portraits of representative men in the trade throughout Canada. The typography throughout, as well as the many-colored lithographed covers in which it is enclosed, is of a high order. The extensive advertising patronage bestowed upon this number speaks well for the enterprise of the Canadian shoe and leather trades, who evidently have discovered that in judicious advertising is to be found one of the most important secrets of business success.

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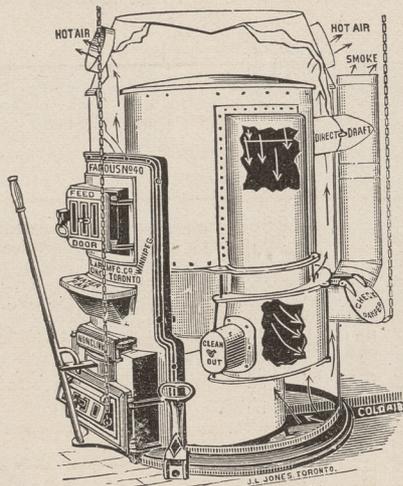
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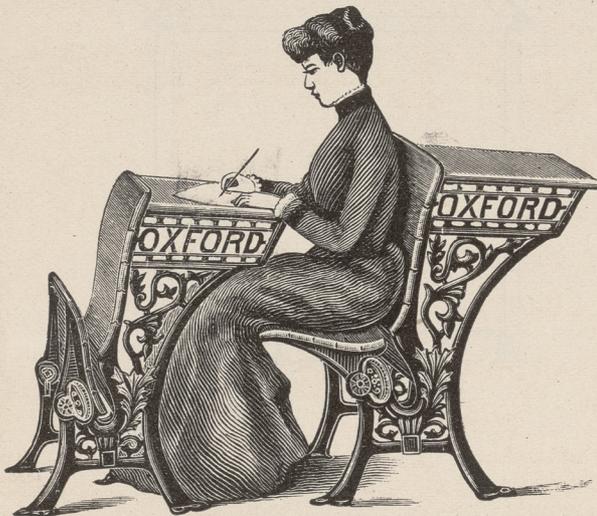
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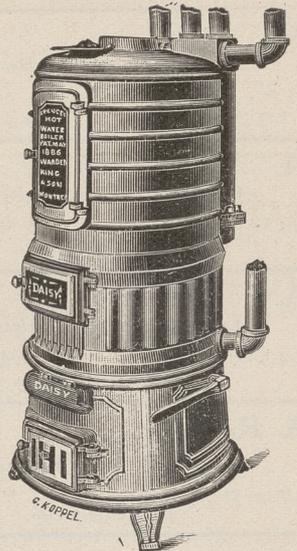
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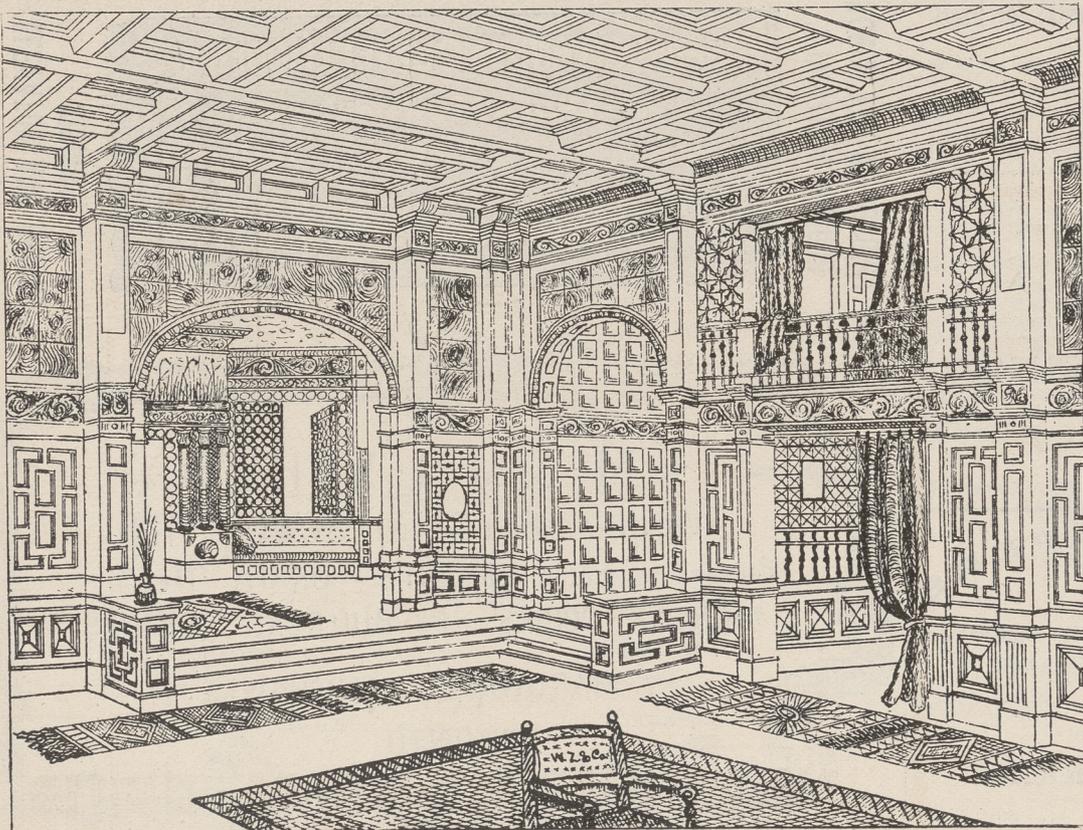


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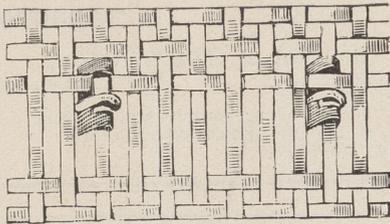


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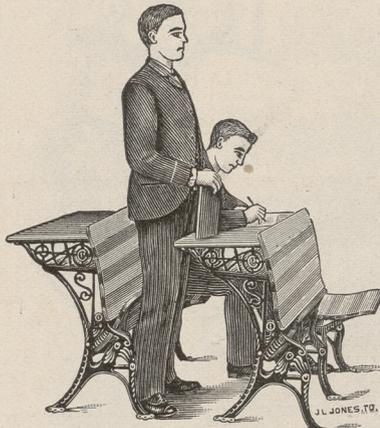
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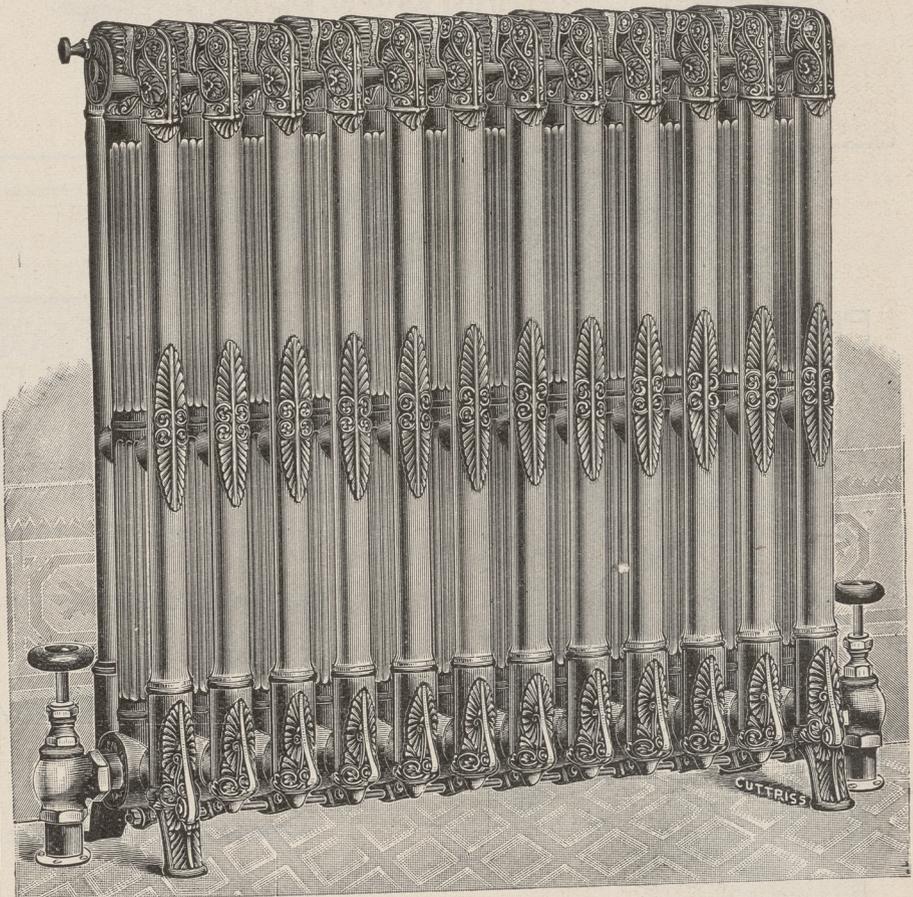
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