

ARCHITECTS AND THEIR PATRONS

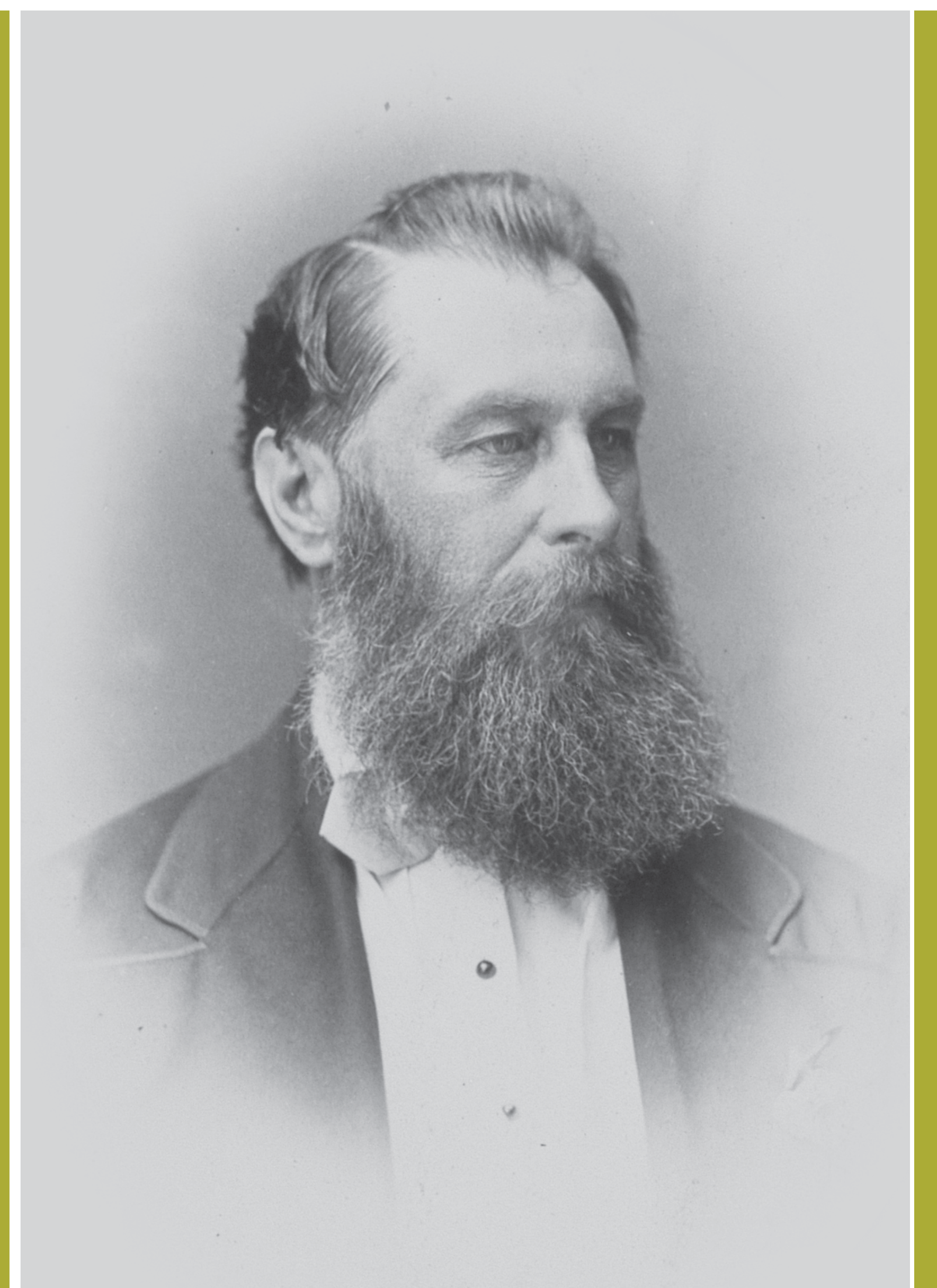
HENRY BOWYER LANE & WILLIAM STORM: 1840s-50s

By the 1840s Cobourg's citizens had enough wealth to employ architects to design some special buildings. The town turned out to be a good place for young architects (they were all men then) to start out before making their name in Toronto.

Networking mattered in the 1840s as it does today. **Henry Bowyer Lane**, all of **24 years old in 1841**, had family connections to the influential Boulton family. That won him two commissions: first for St. Peter's Parochial School in 1841, then for the façade and tower of St. Peter's Church.

Another young architect was **William Storm**. He had been a pupil at Upper Canada Academy (now Victoria Retirement Residence), and was from a strong Methodist family. **He was just 25 years of age** when he designed the Wesleyan Methodist Church (now Trinity United).

Storm's successful career in Toronto was capped by becoming **first President of the Ontario Association of Architects** in 1889. He designed over eighty buildings in Ontario.



William G. Storm, 1871 portrait taken after his move to Toronto. McCord Museum, N-1-66066.1

Now a private house, 174 Green St was originally a one-storey college designed by Lane, built for the important Anglican Diocese in Cobourg.