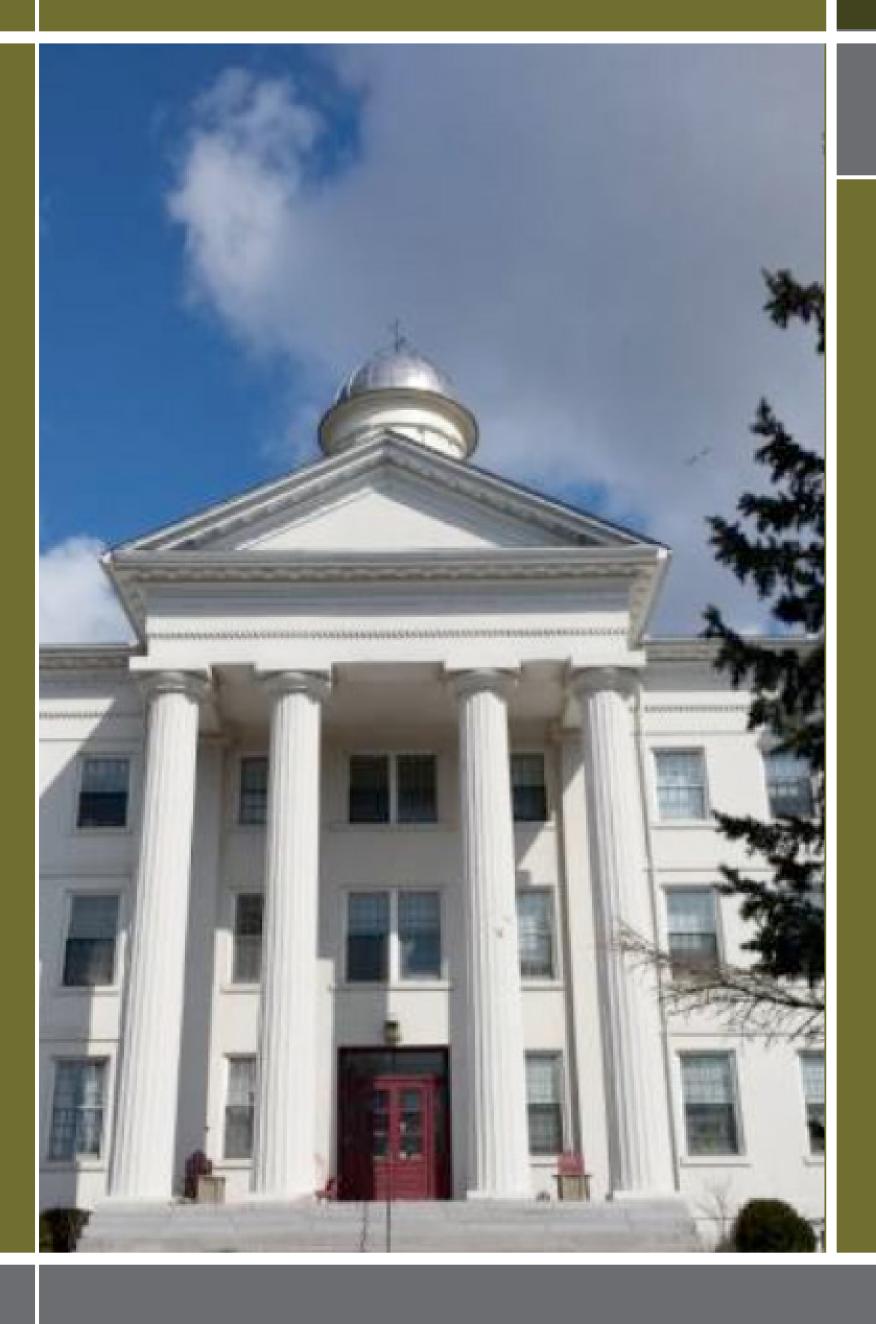
## REPURPOSED BUILDINGS



## VICTORIA COLLEGE

## COLLEGE | ASYLUM | HOSPITAL | RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

This fine building dates from 1836, when it was opened by the Methodist Church as the Upper Canada **Academy**, providing high school equivalent schooling for boys and girls.

It is a fine example of Greek Revival Architecture with a Doric columned portico and tall cupola.

Like many other examples of repurposing, in spite of its varying uses this building looks very much as it did when first built.

In 1841 the institution was incorporated as Victoria College with Egerton Ryerson as Principal (President). The College granted degrees in Arts, Science, Law, Medicine and Divinity.

In 1878 Faraday Hall, as embellished a building as the original was austere, was added to house the Science Faculty.

BUT in 1892 the institution left Cobourg to become part of the University of Toronto

In 1901 the building was renovated into the Cobourg Asylum for Women with a new wing at either end (not yet built in this picture) and a large kitchen at the rear.

From 1917 to 1920 a separate wing functioned as a Military Hospital, mainly treating WWI victims of shell-shock.

In 1921 it opened as the **Ontario Hospital, treating** females with mental disabilities.

In 1963 the first male residents were admitted and in 1964 the hospital was renamed **D'Arcy Place**. It functioned at this location until the 1970s.

In 1987 it was purchased as a **retirement residence** and is now known as Victoria Retirement Living.



Ontario Military Hospital c1920

