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*Manitoba's Administration Building called*

## "Practical and Versatile"

Ten storeys high, the new Administration building in Winnipeg is modern and dignified in appearance.

Situated close to the Legislative building its North and South sides are aluminum curtain wall, the East and West ends are clad in Manitoba limestone.

The steel frame rests on caissons to bedrock. Its vaults are protected by 12 fire-resistive doors by Mosler-Taylor.

Completely air-conditioned, the building is equipped with movable partitions and modular luminous ceiling. It has justly been described as "practical and versatile".



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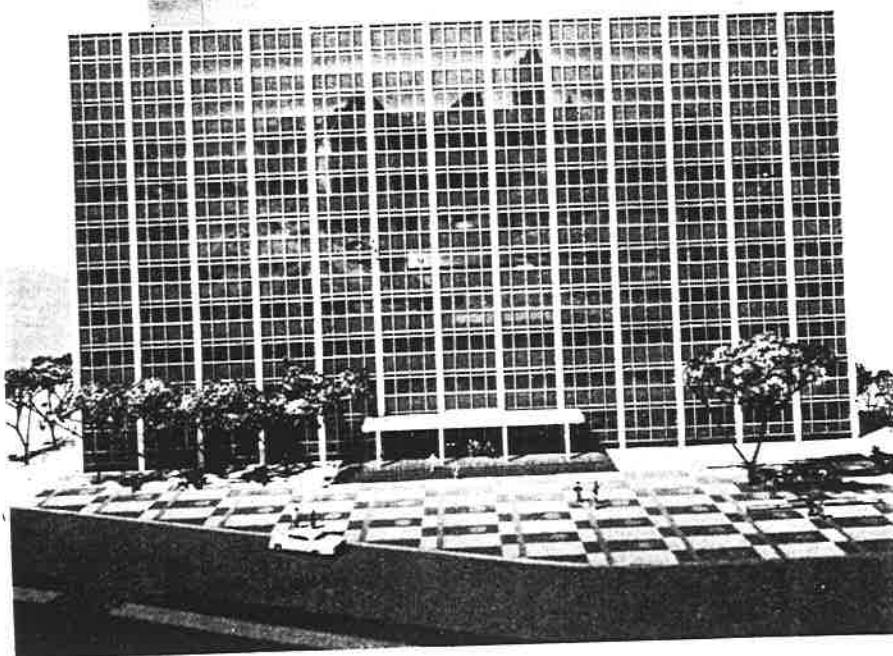
## PROJECTS

In the November, 1959, issue of *The Canadian Architect* we published a sort of office portfolio of the work of John B. Parkin Associates. Continuing the series inaugurated in this way, we here publish five projects from the office of Green, Blankstein, Russell Associates, Winnipeg.

This firm is the largest on the prairies, and in some ways continues the Mies-SOM-Parkin tradition into

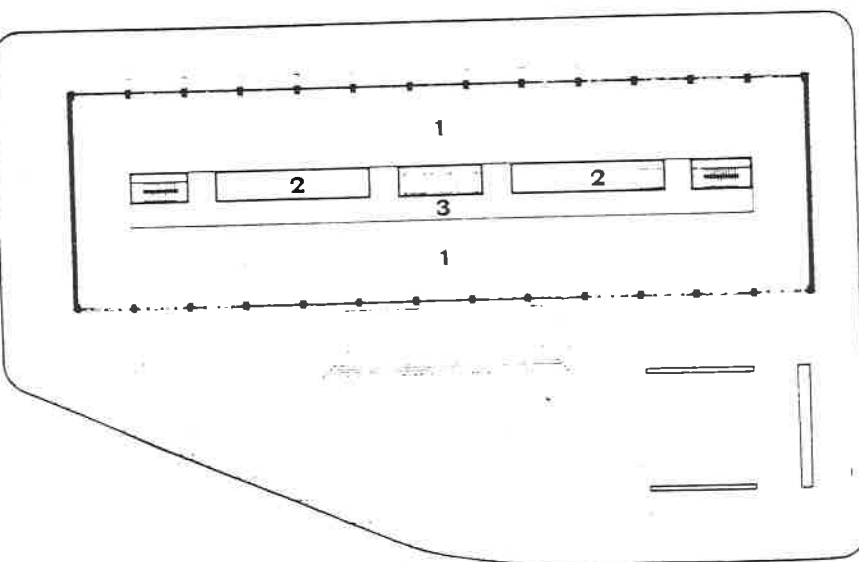
these colder regions. There are, of course, noticeable differences: heavier construction, leading to a greater heaviness in massing and even grouping than is customary in warmer climates, is one of them. This is compensated by the firm's always elegant detailing, however.

The firm won the competition for Winnipeg's city hall (reported here in the December 1959 and January 1960 issues) and also the ill-fated National Gallery competition.



### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GOVT. OF MANITOBA

This building is now almost completed. It is on a lot measuring 272 ft. by 215 ft., with a corner lopped off. The building is 250 ft. by 75 ft., with a sub-basement, basement, 10 floors and a penthouse. Its design is based on office flexibility within a 38 in. x 57 in. module; moveable partitions 1 in. thick can be set anywhere along this grid system without changing electrical, heating or air-conditioning. Lighting is primarily fluorescent, diffused through a modular luminous ceiling. Year-round atmosphere control is aimed for. Foundations are reinforced concrete caissons to bedrock 54 ft. below grade. The columns in the curtain walls and the solid end walls are faced with Tyndall stone. Paving is pre-cast concrete with various colours and aggregates. Cost: about \$6m.



Key to typical floor plan:  
1 Office space, 2 Service, 3 Corridor

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