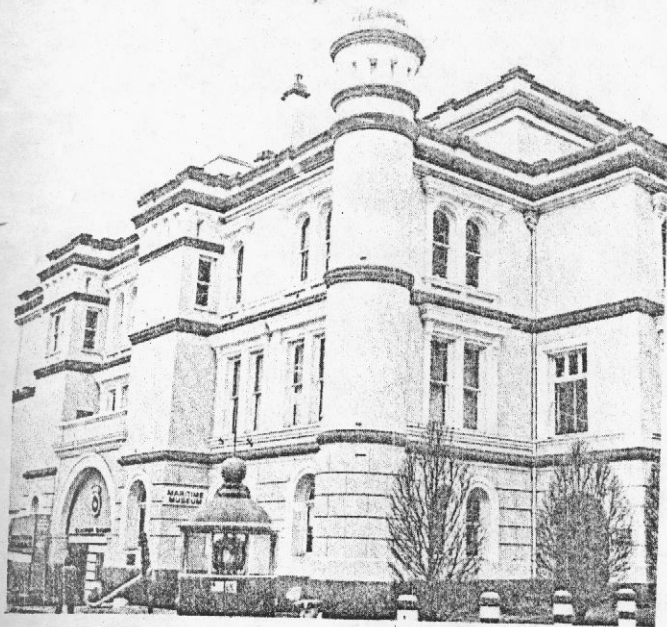


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28 Bastion Square  
Provincial Court House  
1889

The old Court House was the first building in Victoria to make extensive use of concrete. The architect, Hermann Otto Tiedemann, had also designed the original Colonial Administration Buildings, familiarly known as the "Birdcages". Tiedemann's design for the Court House was supposedly based on a building in his native Munich. It is a combination of Romanesque towers and Italianate window elements. The exterior plaster is grooved to simulate stonework at the first floor level. A highpoint of the interior is the open-cage elevator installed in 1901. The building has been restored to house the Maritime Museum of British Columbia.