

## STOP 14 – THE CLOCK TOWER OF CITY HALL

The clock tower of City Hall was the last structure to be completed. It is 72 square feet at the base and weighs 14,000 tons. The tower rises 240 feet above the ground with a 45 foot spire.

There's an inscription that names the architect, years of commencement and completion of the buildings, names of the Mayor, Board of Control and the Alderman of the City. There's also an inscription dedicated to Queen Victoria.

The clock was added to the tower in November 1899. The bells of the clock first rang out on New Year's Eve in 1900. The face of the clock is 20 feet across. The bells in the clock were made in England by Gillett and Johnson of Croydon. The largest, called the Big Ben of Toronto, is 6 ft., weighs 12,000 lbs with a striking hammer of 250lbs. Lastly there are smaller half hour and quarter hour bells.