The Administration Building was constructed in 1912. It was one of the first buildings to be erected on campus. Samuel Hooper, who designed the building, ironically never received any formal education in architecture. The building was originally the cornerstone of the Manitoba Agricultural College (MAC) and featured offices, a reading room, classrooms, laboratories, a museum, a library, and a post office. This building, like all the others that comprised MAC were finished in Tyndall Stone, a material native to Manitoba that prominently features various fossils throughout. The large, double-intersecting, central staircase that connects the interior offices is a truly unique design feature.