

Subject Opening of Mount Royal Hotel

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THE opening last evening in Montreal of what is said to be the largest hotel in the British Empire is an event in the development of the city of no small importance. With the tremendous increase of late years in the number of visitors, including the rush of tourists in the warm weather, the hotel accommodation became woefully inadequate to the constantly growing demands made upon it. The addition of the Mount Royal Hotel, with its thousand bedrooms, convention hall, spacious public rooms, such as the large banquet hall and the sumptuous ball room, will be a distinct and valuable advertisement for the Canadian metropolis.

Everything connected with this great enterprise reflects much credit on the promoters and managers, from the financing of such a costly undertaking to the smallest detail of modern hotel equipment. The enterprise is highly creditable to those citizens of Montreal who have shown in a material way their faith in the growth and future of the city.

It is gratifying to observe that the personnel of the management is largely Canadian, the chief figures being entirely so, and that the material used in construction, finishing and decoration is also largely, if not exclusively, Canadian. To crown all, the guest of the evening at the brilliant function which marked the official opening was a Canadian whom we all delight to honor, the young and progressive Prime Minister of Canada.

Barring Politics

Those present at the formal opening of the new Mount Royal Hotel last evening, who were aware that the Prime Minister was to be among the speakers and who had expected some political utterance from him were rightly doomed to disappointment. Those who know the Premier are generally conscious of his many-sidedness and that politics is not by any means the only harness that fits him. His plea for national unity and international goodwill was sane and timely and his little pen picture of hotel conditions in Montreal a century and a half ago was both illuminating and highly interesting.

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