
PLACE D'ARMES.

Car lines, 70, 71 or 83, going south on Peel. By auto, east on St. Catherine, Phillips Sq., Beaver Hall Hill, Victoria Sq., east on St. James St. to Place D'Armes. A considerable number of the city's car lines terminate here.

Place D'Armes is in the heart of the financial and commercial district of Montreal. In the early days of Ville Marie it was beyond the palisades of the settlements and Maisonneuve once had an encounter on this spot with a band of marauding Iroquois, in which, while covering the retreat of his men to the protection of the palisades, he shot their chief.

The land formerly belonged to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and Notre Dame Cathedral once stood here. In 1836 the land was purchased by the city from the Seminary and made into a public square. On this spot, too, in 1760, the French laid down their arms to General Amherst. On the southeast corner of the square once lived Daniel de Gresoli Sicur Du Lhut, who explored the western end of Lake Superior, the upper Mississippi, founded Fond du Lac, and after whom Duluth was named.

The square is bounded by St. James St., Notre Dame, St. Francois Xavier and St. Sulpice. Facing on the square are Notre Dame Cathedral, the Seminary of St. Sulpice, the Bank of Montreal and the Post Office. The Bank of Montreal was founded in 1817 and is the oldest banking institution in Canada. The building is in the Greek style with Corinthian columns.