

of Wales (later Edward VII), enjoyed its hospitality when visiting Montreal.

### *Freemans Hotel*

1868

The original Hotel of this name was on Gt. St. James' Street, at the corner of St. Peter Street. On the Fortifica-

tion Lane side of the Hotel, there was a Lunch and Grill Room, with open windows upon the street. At this place, the young bloods of the City practised an amusing trick known as "Lobster fishing". The first move was to saunter into the Grill Room, equipped with a fish-hook to which a ball of string was attached, and examine the lobsters attractively displayed to await the orders of the patrons. Surreptitiously attaching the fish-hook to a fine specimen, the joker would toss the ball of twine through the open window nearby. Proceeding to the street, he would give the ball two or three kicks, thus propelling it to a safe distance for the final operation, which was to seize the string and thereby draw the selected lobster through the window, to the huge surprise of occupants of the Grill Room who witnessed the departure of the crustacean, supposedly under its own power.



### *The Richelieu Hotel*

1868

This Hotel was on St. Vincent Street, Nos. 41 to 47 in the numbering of those days. The Richelieu at a later

date extended its premises through to Jacques Cartier Square.