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MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL

Claimed to be the most modern and most beautiful
Hotel in the British Empire.

Location: Bounded on North by Burnside Place
" " East by Metcalfe street
" " South by Mount Royal Place
" " West by Peel Street
(Main entrance)

History: Site was originally a residential
block but was purchased in 1874 by the
Protestant Board of School Commissioners,
who in 1892 erected thereon a High
School for girls and boys. This school
was conducted on the site until 1914
when it was turned into a military barracks
for overseas forces.

Excavation & Construction: Excavation began Sept. 15,
1921, Mayor Martin officiated.
Over 90,000 square feet were excavated
for the foundation which rests on solid
rock.
Building is ten stories above ground and
two stories below, is in three wings,
and covers 8200 square yards. Construction
is brick and stone and fireproof through-
out.
Corner Stone was laid by Sir Lomer Gouin,
March 11, 1922.

Contractors: Thompson-Starrett Company Ltd.,

Architects: Ross and MacDonald Inc. of Montreal.

Operators: The Mount Royal is operated by the United
Hotels Company of America, the largest
chain of Operators in the world, directing
in the present time twelve of the most
successful hotels in the United States,
and five in Canada.

Over 12,000 employees are on the
monthly pay-rolls of these institutions
which house more people than any other
organization in the world.

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