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Grosvenor Square,
London W.I.

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The Secretary,
Women's Canadian Club,
Montreal.

Madam:-

We trust you will pardon this intrusion but we hope that the matter upon which we write is such that it will be of interest.

Just outside Sevenoaks there is an old Family Seat known as MONTREAL, once the home of the Amherst family for several centuries, which was sold recently owing to the ever increasing growth of Sevenoaks Town, and is likely to meet the doom of demolition.

The family has in the past been closely associated with the nearly history of Canada, one of the Amhersts, namely Lieut-General William Amherst, the first Baron, Governor of Virginia 1759-68, Commander-in-Chief of North America 1768-69, Field Marshal 1796.

In 1759 Sir Jeffrey captured Ticonderoga, whilst Wolfe took Quebec and later he followed up with other successes culminating in his finally taking Montreal, which completed the conquest of Canada, in 1760. Hence the Family Seat being given the name of MONTREAL when it was rebuilt a few years afterwards.

In the drawing-room here stands an exceptionally fine example of carved white statuary marble mantelpiece, imposing and dignified, circa 1760, particularly suited to a large and stately apartment. It has columns on either side, the central feature being a panel in the freize boldly carved with a male figure kneeling before a representation of Britannia, no doubt depicting -

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after the fall of Montreal.

The present owner desires to dispose of this mantelpiece and we shall be glad to furnish any further particulars.

Yours obediently,

Curtis & Henson.