

A Building of Which a City Should be Proud

The City of Montreal naturally can boast of many interesting buildings, on account of her age, as well as because she is the Commercial Metropolis of the Dominion, and visitors enjoy seeing the ancient Chateau de Ramezay, and similar places. But Montreal can also show what is the most perfectly fitted business structure in Canada, in the Sun Life Building on Dominion Square. And it should be good, for it is the incarnation in stone of the ideas of two Presidents of the Company, the late Mr. Macaulay, who laid the foundation stone, and his son and successor in office, Mr. T. B. Macaulay, for they both spent time and thought in having a building that would not only be good for the work to be carried on in it, but also be a source of pride to the city, as well as an inspiration to those who spent their days within its walls.

The members of the Dominion Mortgage Association saw over the building with the best of guides, Mr. Macaulay himself, and it was very interesting to note his pride in what is really a hobby.

Especially was this evident when he took his guests to the wonderful vault, and had its mysteries explained, and its wonderful mechanism put into operation. The apparent block to opening the door, with the gradual sinking of what had seemed to be solid floor, and its replacement afterwards, was certainly a surprise to most of the visitors, accustomed as they were to seeing the best of vaults.

The visit to the luncheon room, where all the employees are supplied with a good meal free of charge, with the privilege of adding to, or varying it, as they like, acted as a good appetizer, and private information from one of the employees states that the meal provided is so satisfactory that occasionally there is a small balance, which is devoted to a bar of chocolate — of course, this in the case of the ladies.

Since its erection in 1913 the building has been incomplete, as a church occupied part of the lot. But as the congregation has been able to make other arrangements for a new church elsewhere, the old one has been pulled down, and the Sun Building will now be completed, and occupy the whole distance between Metcalfe and Mansfield Sts. This will not only add space, but also allow of the completion of the design of the central hall, which has had to be shortened meantime. This had become necessary, on account of the tremendous increase in the volume of business done by the Company, not only in Canada,

but in other parts of the world, where the name of the Company is synonymous with integrity and fair dealing.

It is hardly necessary to say that such loyal citizens as those in control would see that the materials used in the construction were, as far as possible Canadian, so the building is a good advertisement of the natural resources of Canada.

In addition to the main building, and adjacent to it, is another handsome structure which is the Recreation Building for the employees. But beyond this, Clubs on various lines are encouraged among the staff, one formed of the lovers of gardening being very strong.

It was in the Board Room that the meetings of the

Mortgage Association were held, and its quietness and refinement added in not only the comfort, but the good work of the visitors who came from all over the Dominion and who were all enthusiastic about the splendid building in which the hospitality of the President allowed them to meet. Naturally, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Macaulay, which he courteously disclaimed as being due to him or the Company. The cut shows the building as it now is, being one-third the size of what it will be when completed. And it conveys some idea of the solidity, as well as the handsome and dignified character of the architecture.



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