

The Ottawa Hotel, situated on McGill and St. Maurice Streets, was no doubt so named because the Stage line for Bytown (Ottawa) left from this Hostelry. We note that the . . . "usual fare to Bytown was 20 to 25 shillings". This building later became the Western Hotel, and the name "Ottawa" was bestowed on another Hotel on Great St. James' Street. We find noted as "central and convenient", Ryan's Hotel at 231 St. Paul Street. This was the Eastern Townships Stage Office, and the stage fare to Chambly was 3s. 9d., to Granby 11s. 3d., to Sherbrooke, 23s. 9d.

It is interesting to note that, during the winter months only, the Quebec stage left from Giroux's, in St. Vincent Street, the fare to Quebec being 50s, but intermediate distances were charged at the rate of 10d. per league. The Ottawa Stage, during the winter months, left from the Ottawa Hotel, 48-50 Great St. James Street,

The growth of the City is well marked about this time, as we find reference to a number of new Hotels: The Arcade, the City Hotel, Grant's Hotel, Orr's Hotel at Monklands, advertised as a favourite resort for driving parties. There was also Sword's Hotel, and the Victoria, on the west side of Place d'Armes. All these have long since disappeared.



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