



Urban Québec includes the technical and aesthetic sophistication of Montréal's Place Victoria, on the opposite, upper page, and the Metro station below it. At the bottom are two views of ancient Québec City. The Basilica Cathedral is on the right. Above, on this page, is a broader view of Québec City, with the Chateau Frontenac in the background. At bottom right is the Place D'Armes, where horses and carriages are available for hire.



said. "There is still the odour of Jesuits in this old city . . . we have a bastion of French Canadian culture here that will be able to resist these advancing concrete towers."

Montréal is something else; built around Mount Royal, combining woodland, crowded streets and riverfront, it is, for most Americans, North America's great unknown city, the greatest inland port in the world, the home of Expo 67 and the home of the next Olympics. It is the second-largest French-speaking city in the world, with three million people. In the production of French-language television it is a rival of Paris. It has a mean winter temperature of 26 degrees F., an average annual snowfall of 120 inches and one of the great subway systems of the world. The subway, called the Metro in the European manner, is part of a great underground-overground complex of shops, theaters, covered promenades,

restaurants, hotels and office buildings, all protected from the cold. The first part of the complex, the \$70 million Place Bonaventure, was built over and under the Canadian National Railway tracks.

Place Bonaventure is connected below ground with other elaborate segments. The latest, Place Desjardins, is on the edge of Montréal's Chinatown. It will cost \$100 million and will feature towers around a domed square. Despite all these architectural triumphs, Montréal's greatest distinction is still the thousands of good restaurants, almost all out among the snow-piled winter streets. Over three hundred Montréal restaurants have been classified as first class by gourmet associations and the best are in the old city, a well preserved area of narrow streets and solemn stone buildings.