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His Worship,  
Camille Houde,

of my house (#762,) just opposite McGill University, and has stated his intention to use it as an undertaking establishment. He has already had two funerals from this house, the second one last Friday, being the funeral of a man named Pascoe. I enclose the notice in the "Star" about this funeral.

Bernier has moved in his funeral chapel furniture, coffins, and coffin shells into the house, and there is no doubt whatsoever he intends to carry on an undertaking business in this house, which perhaps you will remember, as it was formerly owned by Doctor Perigo.

I have been in communication with Mr. Crepeau and with Alderman Weldon on this subject, and Mr. Crepeau assures me that as soon as the fact is established that Bernier is carrying on an undertaking business, such action as is possible will be taken to prevent it, but, as I have said, I have considerable doubt whether, under the existing By-laws and Regulations, the City can prevent him carrying on an undertaking business on these premises.

One has only to walk along Sherbrooke Street between City Councillors and Guy Streets to see to what an extent businesses are gradually being established. Rice, The Photographer, is now occupying the late Madam Wurtele's house at the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke Streets as a photographic establishment. One of the two houses between Rice's establishment and my house is now occupied as a millinery shop and the other as a hair-dressing establishment.

I am perfectly satisfied that the large majority of the landowners on Sherbrooke Street, between City Councillors and Guy Streets, would be in favour of commercializing the street, with proper restrictions as to the class of buildings, homologated and construction lines, and the kind of businesses which might be carried on.

As I have said, if this is not done at once the street will be ruined for the future, and if it ever is commercialized, with such restrictions, the City will have to pay heavy damages to