

June 16th, 1930.

His Worship,  
Camille House,  
Mayor of Montreal,  
City Hall,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I think that Sherbrooke Street, between City Councillors and Guy Streets should be commercialized at once, with proper restrictions, as was proposed some four or five years ago.

As the matter now stands, there seems to be no By-law or Regulation which prevents any kind of business being established and maintained on this street.

I enclose, for your information, copy of some Rules which were prepared by Mr. Crepeau some four or five years ago, which, however, were never put into effect. These Rules would seem to be alright except that possibly under Number Four, Amusement or Assembly Halls, Moving Picture Theatres, and so forth might be permitted, which I think would be a mistake.

If a By-law is passed, commercializing this part of Sherbrooke Street, with proper restrictions as to the kind of buildings which might be constructed and prescribing the construction and homologated lines, and also specifying the purposes for which either the present buildings or new buildings might be used, and prohibiting their use for any other purposes than those specified, then Sherbrooke Street would become the Fifth Avenue of Montreal, otherwise it will become like Sixth Avenue in New York.

If this however is not done at once, all kinds of industries and businesses may be established on Sherbrooke Street and when this part of Sherbrooke Street is commercialized with proper restrictions the City may have to incur a large expenditure to buy out the industries and businesses which have, in the meantime, been established, and which are not permissible under the restrictions.

I am very much concerned about this because a man named M. A. Blythe Bernier, who had an undertaking establishment on Ste. Famille Street, has bought the house immediately to the West