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it is today.

Here is the record of a traveller who put up at "The Two Galloping Horses" in 1776. He Says: "The dinners ^{are} ~~were~~ excellent, but the accommodation is abominable. Fifteen or twenty sleep in a room, a yard apart and let me assure you I have not enjoyed a good night's repose since I have been here, from the generous music I am surrounded with arising from that ^{most universal of} wind-instruments, the nose".

*The progenitor
of Mount Royal
- Mr Dillon -*

But a picture of the past, of even greater interest to those assembled on this occasion is to be gleaned from a description of another hotel, - one, if it may be said that hotels have ancestors, ^{which} may, I think, be legitimately described as the progenitor of the Mount Royal. It was a Coffee House, opened in 1792 by Mr. Dillon, a servant of Lord Dorchester, and was known as the "Montreal House". It was referred to in its day as the "best hotel in Canada", just as tonight we are referring to the Mount Royal as the "finest hotel in the British Empire". Here is a description of the hotel as it appears in a little volume of travels by Lambert, published in 1814. After making mention of the Place d'Armes the narrator says:

"The French Catholic Church.....

A sidelight upon the transformation of the City itself appears in a concluding paragraph which reads as follows:

"The town walls...

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