

The New Sun Life Building, Montreal, Que.

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In the new Sun Life Building, the city of Montreal has once more demonstrated to our readers her progressiveness. It has always been her ambition to be the leading city in Canada for structure which impress the student as well as the laymen of their artistic merit and their commercialistic value. How well she has succeeded is revealed in the large number of her up-to-date banking institutions, schools, churches, theatres, hotels, manufacturing plants and public buildings. If she does not stand supreme in this respect, she is going ahead so rapidly that it behooves other cities to have a care, else she will gradually outdistance them.

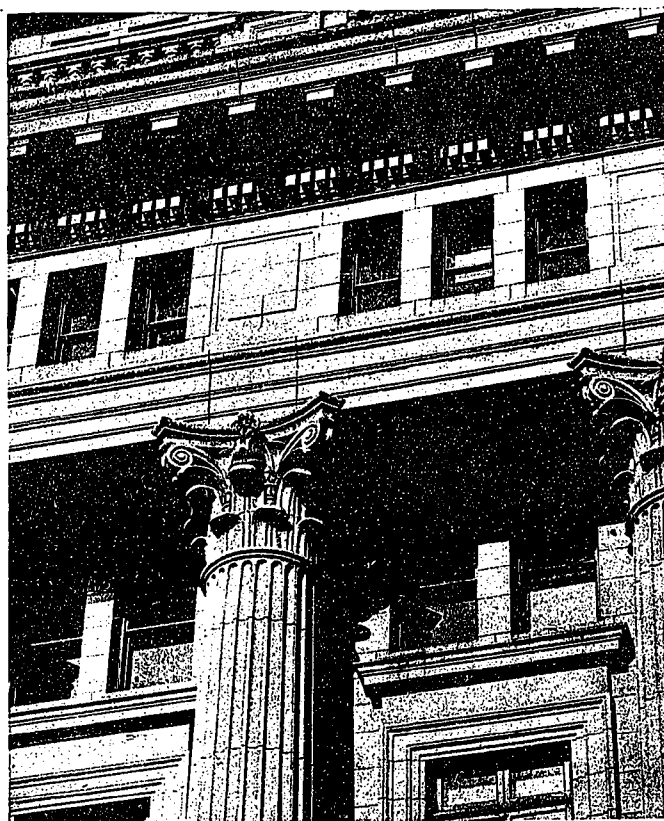
This new home of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada is a monument of dignity and restraint; in perfect harmony with the institution itself. What better accommodation, more tasty design or commanding site could have been selected by the architects? The Company itself is of Canadian birth and has grown into the largest and best equipped corporate body of its kind in the British Empire. Organized in 1865 it has been guided since infancy by the same Scottish thrift which brought it into existence. And what better appreciation of its worth than to know that during the present year over \$60,000,000 of new business will have been transacted on account of the studied plans of the heads being executed with enthusiastic confidence by a corps of men well equipped to carry on this great work. The wonderful spirit of Robertson Macauley,

who was President of the company from its birth until three years ago seems to have permeated the whole organization. Guided by the motto "Follow the Flag" The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada is found in all British colonies, and is also fast gaining a commanding position in other countries.

It would have been a difficult task to have selected a more commanding site than the Dominion Square. Representing the westward growth and life of Montreal, this small park is situated in the best neighborhood of the city. As one leave the entrance to that well-known hostelry—the Hotel Windsor—he sees facing him on the opposite side of the square an imposing edifice which happens to be the subject of our article. Originally this location was occupied by a seven story grey cut stone building in Queen Anne style. It was the oldest Y.M.

C.A. building in Canada. As traditions and landmarks mean nothing to us it naturally fell a prey to the ravages of modern progressiveness. Just to its right on the other side of Dorchester street is the St. James' Cathedral designed by Victor Bourgeau after the style of St. Peter's of Rome, Among other buildings on the square might be mentioned a number of interesting churches as well as the C.P.R. station.

In the square are several monuments, one of which is closely connected with the Sun Life Company. It was a fitting tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, on the date of her jubilee 1897.



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