
WESTMOUNT :: THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

are all well paved with macadam or asphalted macadam, and the sidewalks are of concrete.

The water is supplied under contract with the Montreal Water & Power Company, made in 1891, on a basis of 40 per cent of the Montreal rate at that time. In 1912 Westmount consented to an increase of $27\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in consideration of receiving filtered water, making the rate 51 per cent of the Montreal rate of 1891. No increase has been made since then. During 1912 the company erected a filtration plant at the corner of Wellington and Charlevoix Streets, costing over half a million dollars, and representing the last word in mechanical filtration, recognized as the best method of purifying water. A new intake was also installed near the north end of Nun's Island, 2,250 feet from the mainland. From here the water is brought through a five-foot intake pipe to the filtration plant where it undergoes the process of filtering.

The result has been that Westmount is supplied with water which has been proven by numerous tests made indiscriminately throughout the city to be absolutely sterile. Constancy of service is ensured by a high-level main reservoir, corner of Maplewood Avenue and Bellingham Road, Outremont, with a capacity of 45,000,000 gallons, and a second reservoir on Cote des Neiges Road of 10,000,000 gallons capacity.

Westmount's publicly-owned municipal lighting plant, of which all Westmounters are justly proud, first came into operation in 1906, and has been a pronounced success. The lighting rate has been reduced in the last 12 years from 15 cents per k.w.h. to 5 cents for lighting and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents for other household uses, such as electric range, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, etc. The streets are lit with powerful and handsome arc lamps. It is worth noting that one of the three 200-h.p. boilers in the electric lighting plant is fired by a refuse destructor, with practically no outlay of coal.

Taxation Reasonable

THE citizens of Westmount do not suffer the infliction of extortionate municipal taxes. The general tax for municipal purposes is 11 mills on the dollar, and there is a special rate of $2\frac{3}{4}$ mills on land values only levied to meet the interest and the sinking fund on the municipal debt. The school tax is $5\frac{1}{2}$ mills Protestant, and 4 mills Catholic. This makes the total taxation $19\frac{1}{4}$ mills on unoccupied land and approximately $17\frac{1}{2}$ mills on built-up property for Protestant owners and $17\frac{3}{4}$ mills on unoccupied and approximately $15\frac{1}{7}$ mills on built-up property for Catholic owners.

The total valuation of the city's real estate amounts to \$54,107,930. Of this total \$44,583,350 is taxable, representing \$22,320,800 land value