

The Windsor Hotel - 1878

It was, however, towards the end of the "seventies" that the real change came. In 1878, the Windsor, a Hotel larger and finer than any in the City, and the equal of any in the whole Dominion of Canada, was opened on Dominion Square. The wisecracks of the times could see nothing but failure in this radical move *uptown*, away from the business, shopping and residential sections. But by the end of the next decade, the Windsor Hotel had become the hub of Montreal affairs.



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All the large stores had followed it uptown. Morgan's moved from St. James and Victoria Square; Hamilton's came uptown from Notre Dame Street West; Birks' from St. James Street (their store had been opposite Dollard Lane), and Ogilvy's moved from the corner of St. James and Mountain Streets, first to St. Antoine Street, and finally to St. Catherine Street.