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Break Neck Steps and Little Champlain Street

Old wooden steps leading from Champlain street to Mountain Hill were removed in 1894 and replaced by an elegant iron stairway with rail on each side. The name, "Break Seek Steps," was indeed very significant for them. In the winter when they were covered with ice and snow it must have been almost impossible to ascend or descend without fear of a broken neck. Little Champlain street is one of the oldest in Lower Town and still relates its extreme age with but very little evidence of modern conveniences.