

VALEDICTORY OF

On leaving the Mayoralty Chair

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

It is the usage on retiring Mayor to say a few words of valediction.

The present occasion being one up by the departure of the last members Ex-Mayors Walker and Evans, as well as midway between the old and the new, renders it particularly appropriate that view of the history of the development

Twelve or thirteen years ago, at and Evans, whose great services in Westmount was a rural municipality, Till 1874 it had been part of St Henri, In 1874 it was separated from both of them a Town Charter was obtained. In 1880 altered to "Westmount." The population

Six years ago, when I became a member of the village, with a population of some 4000 people, a leading city of Canada, although to be in that position. As the city grows, a metropolis of Canada it has many circumstances have frequently arisen which ability of representing the English-speaking also the largest English-speaking city truthfully be said to be the third in influence is respected in all quarters, and its interest in municipal affairs as worthy of attention as large as in most cities and towns.

It has been a pride to me to be the Mayor, and I shall ever remember with gratitude the honor conferred during three successive years, unanimously within its gift. I thank my present Council for their courtesy and good-will, and take leave with friendly feeling.

