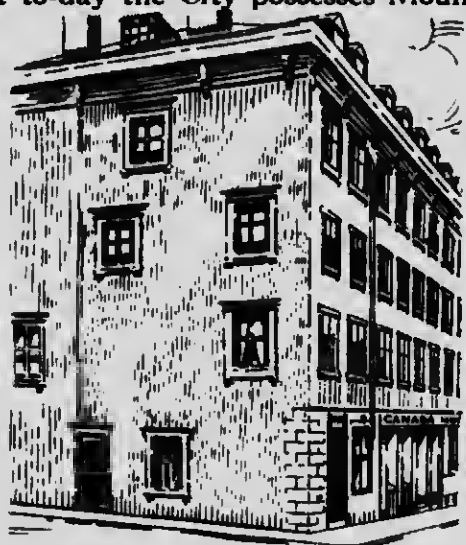


The Canada Hotel

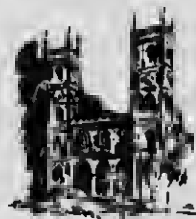
This old Hotel, which was on St. Gabriel Street, (behind the present new Court House Annex), offers an interesting link with the past, as it was directly due to the owner of this Hotel that to-day the City possesses Mount Royal Park.



THE
CANADA
HOTEL
1860

In 1869 the City found itself in the grip of an early winter, and, owing to unpreparedness and a dislocation in transportation, was faced with a serious shortage of fuel. As the condition became more acute, the Proprietor of the Canada Hotel undertook to relieve the hardship by the wholesale cutting of the wood on his farm. But the farm included part of the Mountain, and the City Fathers hurriedly bought the property, in order that the Mountain might be preserved for a Park. Until regular supplies of fuel could be secured the immediate shortage was met by the sending in of hundreds of sleigh loads of wood, from the country around St. Jerome (35 miles) north of Montreal.

We now come to the decade in which the City of Montreal changed radically. The City had outgrown its bounds, the shopping and residential districts



TWIN TOWERS OF NOTRE DAME,
PLACE D'ARMES