

Olympic site stamps

Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey has announced the issue of two Olympic commemorative stamps featuring the 1976 Olympic Games site.

The \$1-commemorative stamp, predominantly blue and silver, features the host city of Montreal. Representing Old Montreal is Notre Dame Church, silhouetted against Place Ville Marie, a high-rise tower dominating the downtown core of the city, which typifies modern Montreal.

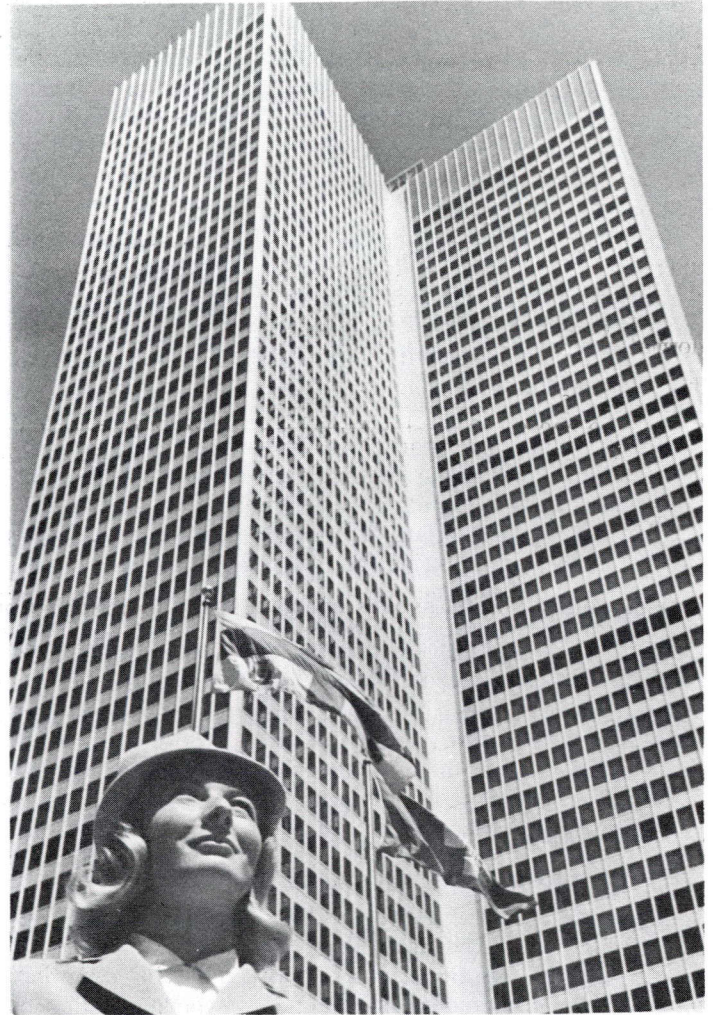
The \$2-commemorative stamp shows an aerial view of the Olympic stadium, with the velodrome shown in red and the flags of the participating nations billowing against a gold background.

Olympic buildings

Montreal, host of the 1976 Summer Olympic Games, has added several buildings to its existing structures. Accordingly, these stamps portray both the old and the new.

The site's principal element is the

Olympic stadium whose main axis, according to protocol, is oriented toward the north or within 12 degrees of due north. The stadium, which can be converted for football and baseball, will normally seat 56,500, but for the Games will accommodate 70,000 spectators. To the east of the stadium is the multipurpose velodrome which incorporates a 285.74-metre cycling track encircling an arena which can be used by, among others, participants in wrestling, judo, badminton, tennis and table tennis.



The two faces of Montreal – Notre Dame Church, built between 1823 and 1829 and Place Ville Marie opened in 1962.