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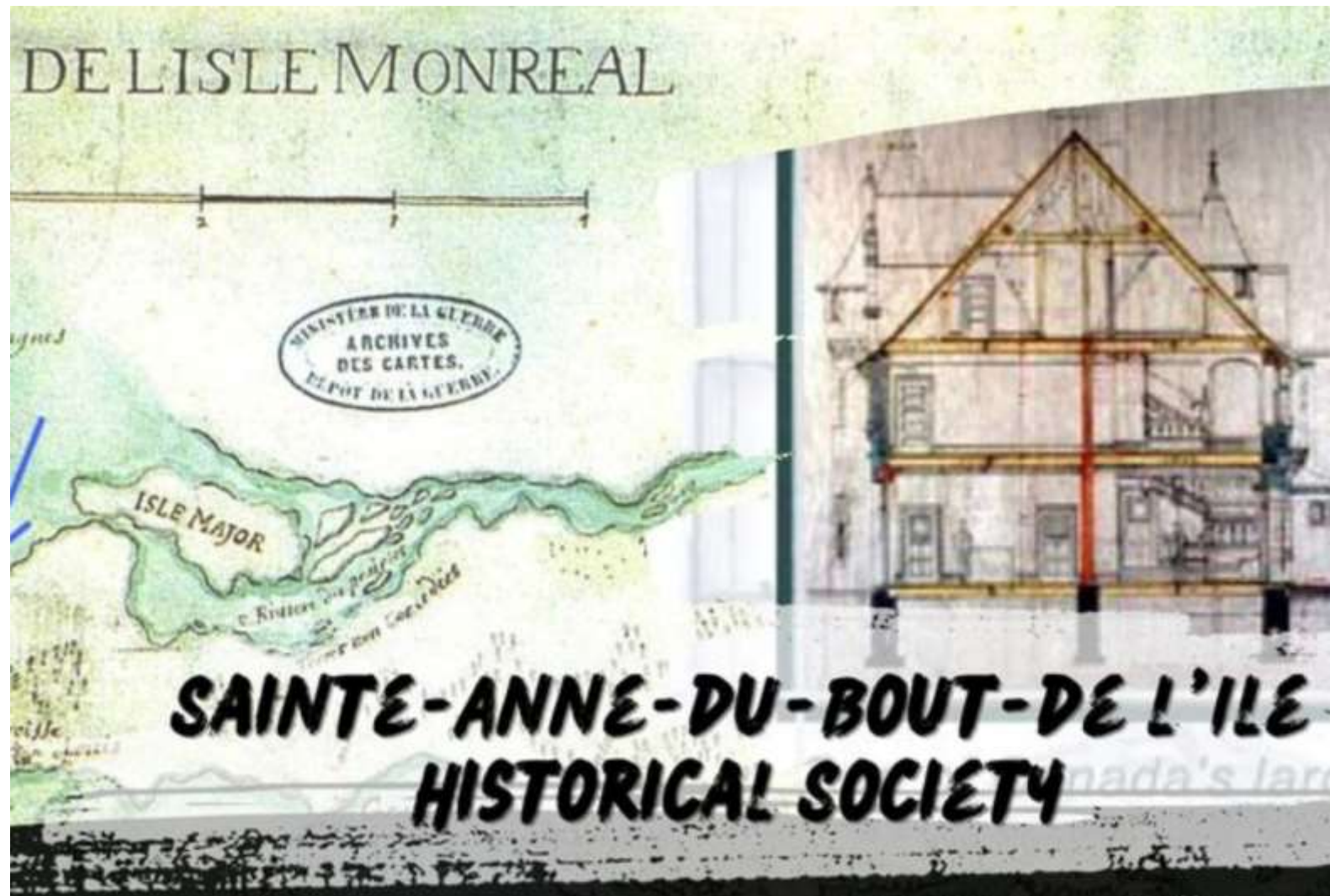
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Sainte Anne-
du-Bout-de-
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Historical
Society /
Wednesday,
March 27,
2024

1885,
Montreal's

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WORD OF THE DAY

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annus horribilis

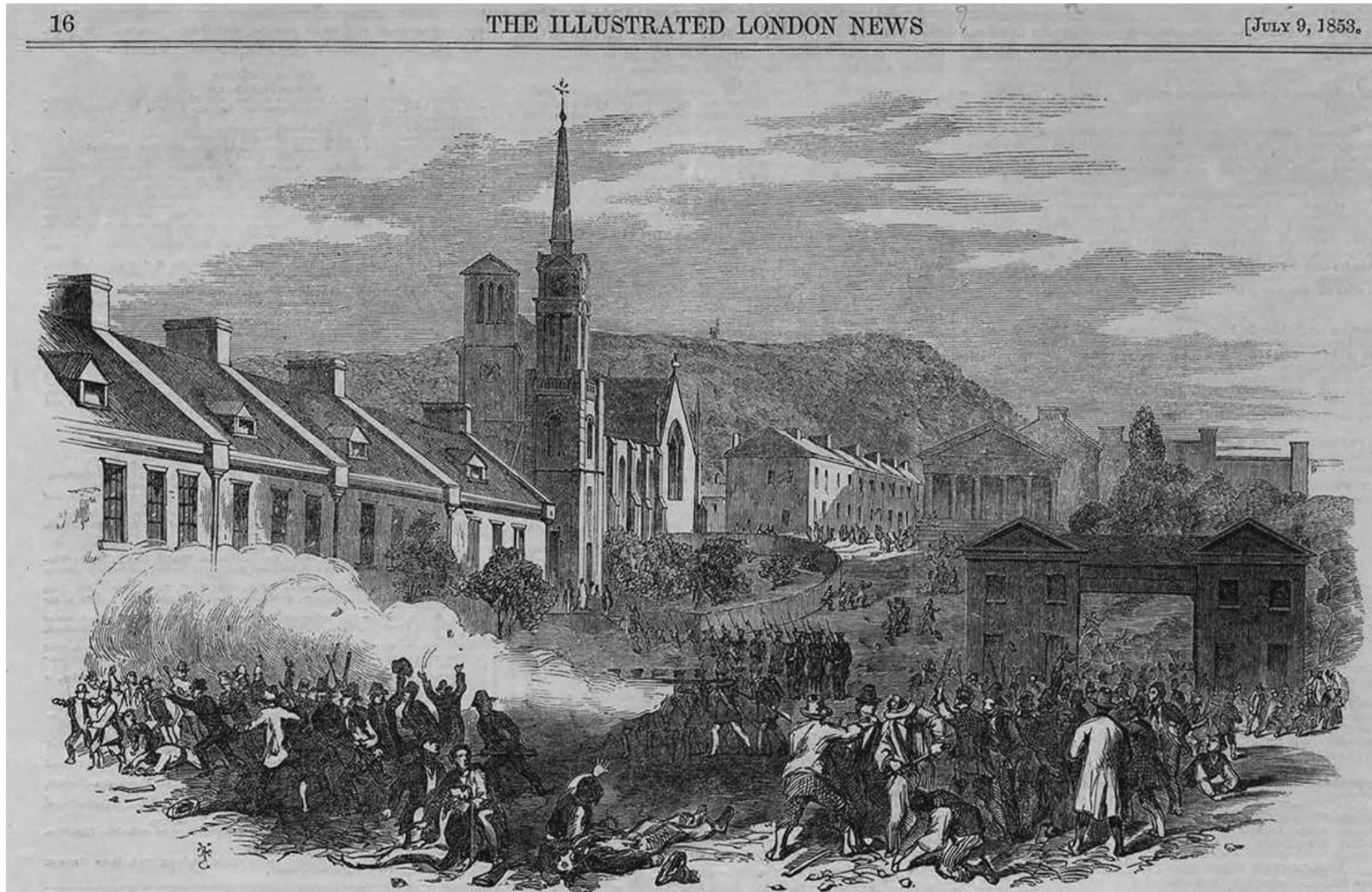
(noun)

(Modern Latin) meaning "horrible year";
The opposite of it, "annus mirabilis" means
"wonderful year".

The Montreal Daily Witness

- Founded by John Dougall (1810-88) in 1845. Dougall came to Canada from Scotland in 1826 at the age of 16
- 'Protestant' newspaper, and by 1885 the city's *only* religious journal
- Thirty-two years after the tragic event, John Dougall still maintained that Mayor Charles Wilson was responsible for the Gavazzi Riot that claimed the lives of many Montrealers, most of whom were Protestant
- Supported the The Canada Temperance Act (aka 'The Scott Act') of 1878 and the temperance movement in general
- An editorial in the August 15, 1885, copy claimed that the newspaper's circulation was 50,000
- The Montreal Witness folded in 1938

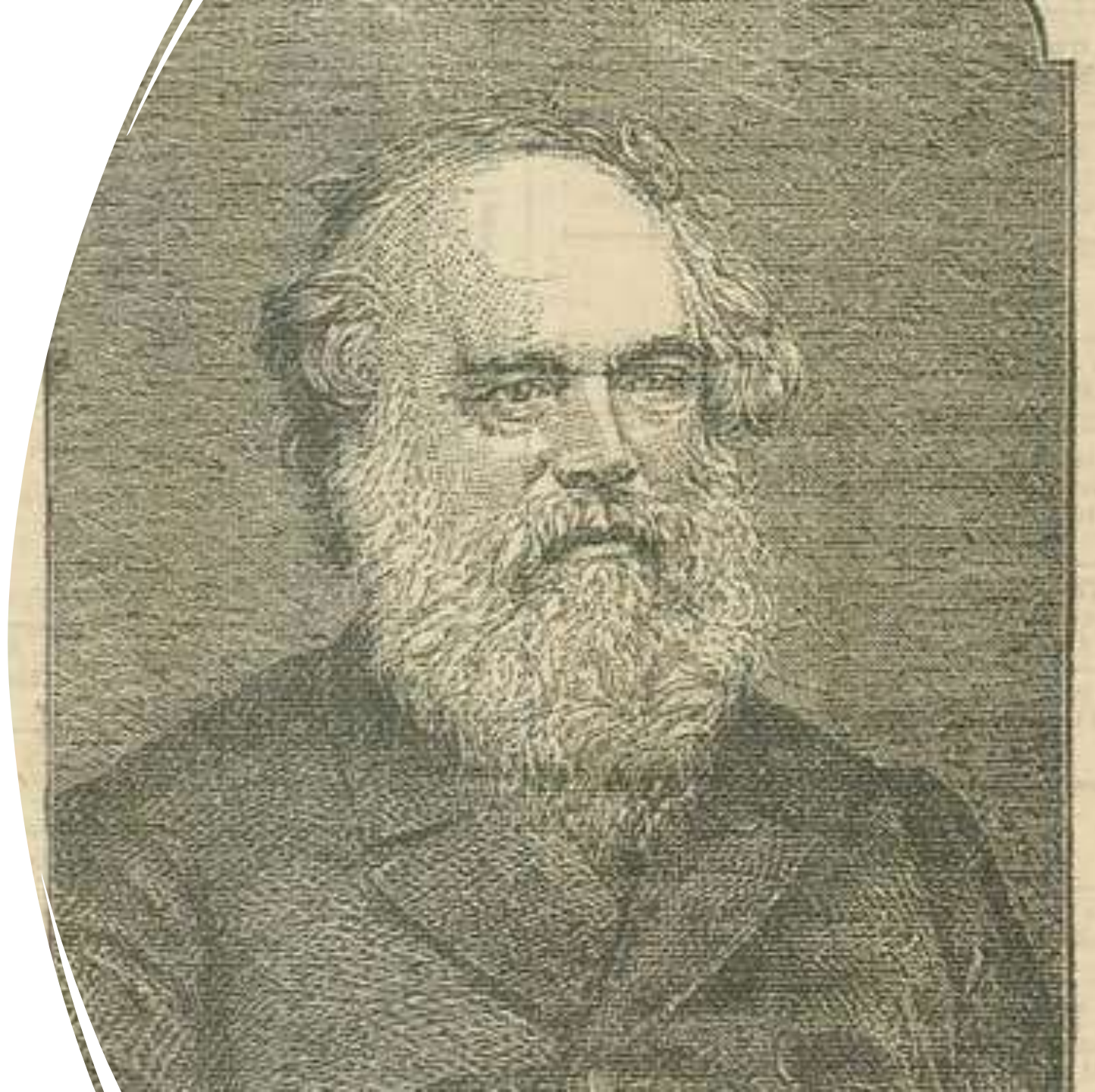
London Illustrated News, July 9, 1853



The Witness was one of four English-language newspapers in Montreal. There were five French-language broadsheets at the time.



**John Dougall
(1810-1888),
founder of The
Montreal Daily
Witness**

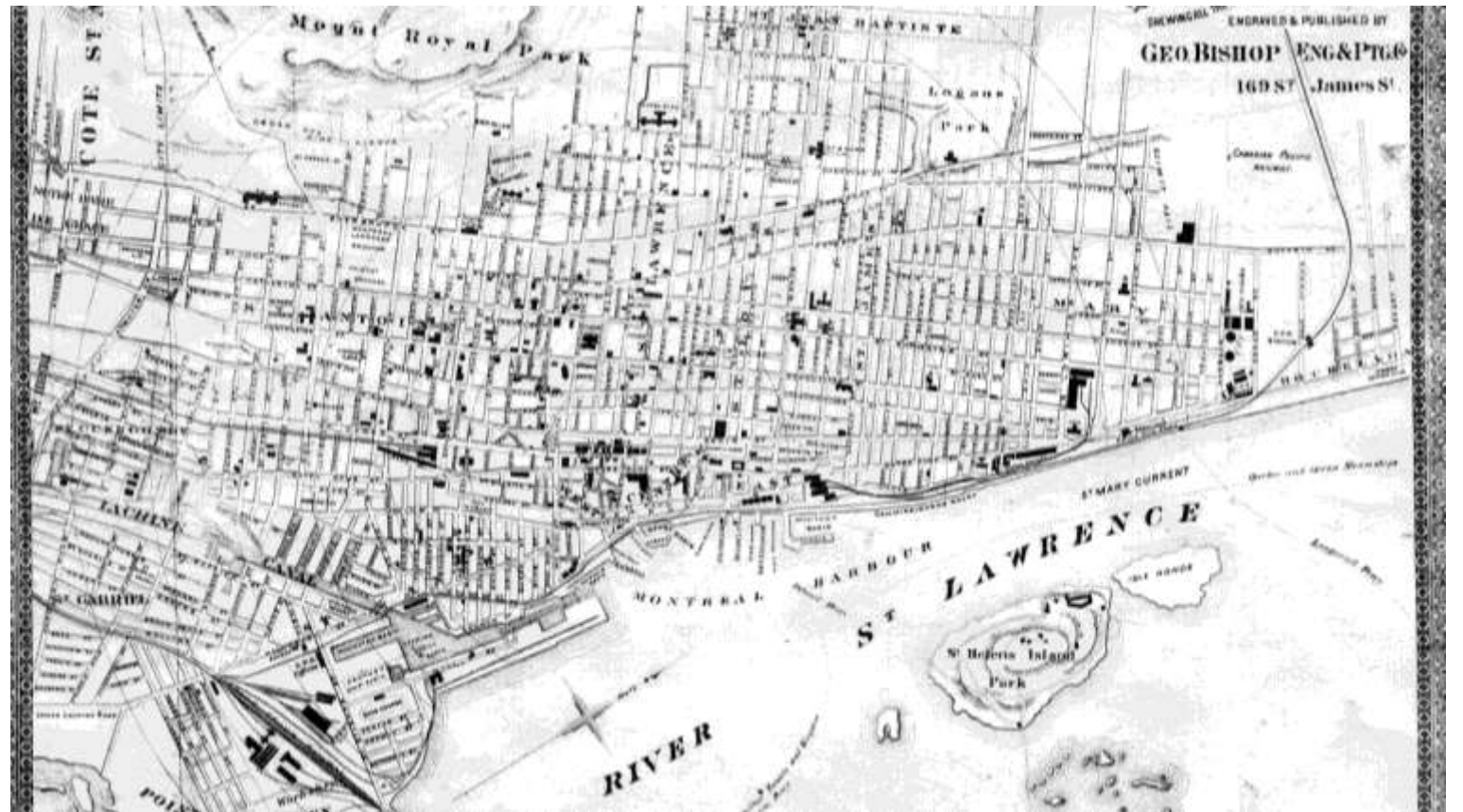


1885 — Montreal's Vital Statistics

Population approx. 200,000
(including the “suburban villages”)

Source: The Montreal Daily
Witness, June 5, page eight

Montreal Map, 1886



Five Major Events Impacting the City in 1885

- **1- The Winter Carnival**
- **2- The Election of Honoré Beaugrand as Mayor of Montreal**
- **3- The Spring Floods**
- **4- The Smallpox Epidemic**
- **5- The Hanging of Louis Riel**

(1) The Winter Carnival



THE ICE CASTLE: MONTREAL WINTER CARNIVAL, 1885

The Montreal Winter Carnivals of the 1880's

- 1883
- 1884
- 1885
- 1887
- 1889
- The Carnival would last usually a week or so, and would attract somewhere in the neighbourhood of 50,000 visitors.
- Planning started normally in September.

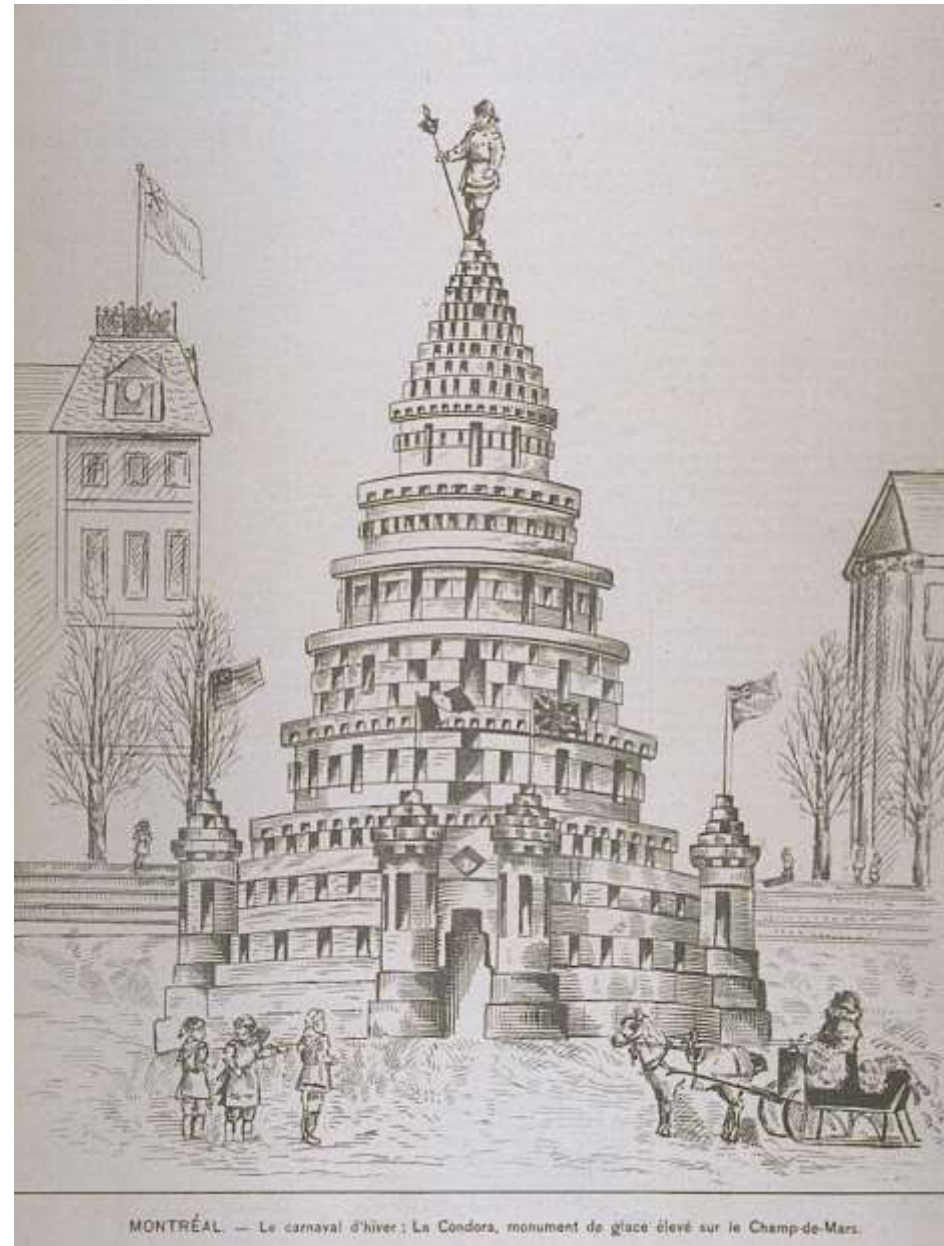
Winter
Carnival,
January 26 to
January 31,
1885





Mostly affluent Americans came to the event

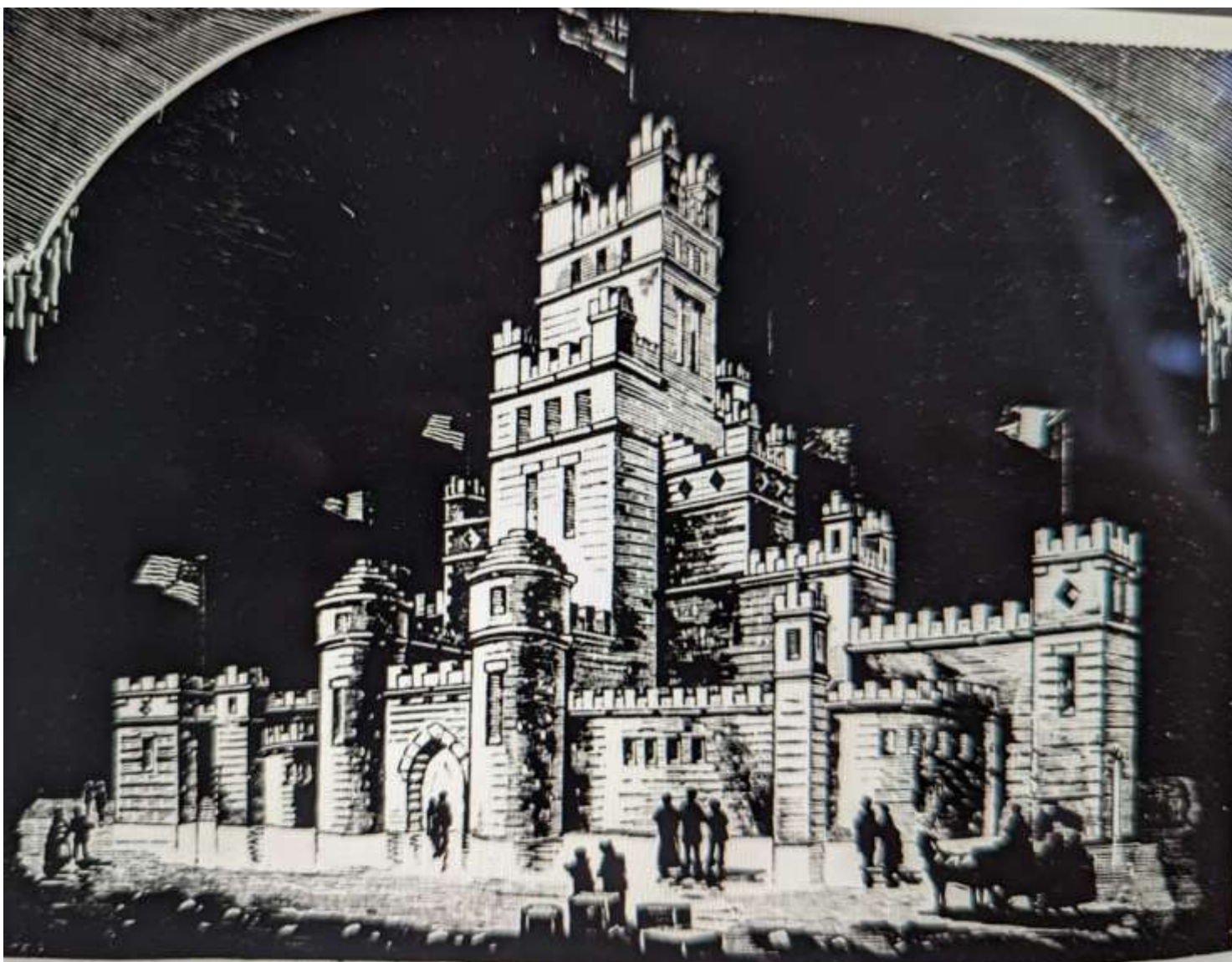
The Condora (from Le Monde Illustré)



Ice Castle and Condora



The Ice
Palace on
Dominion
Square, 1885



LE PALAIS DE GLACE.

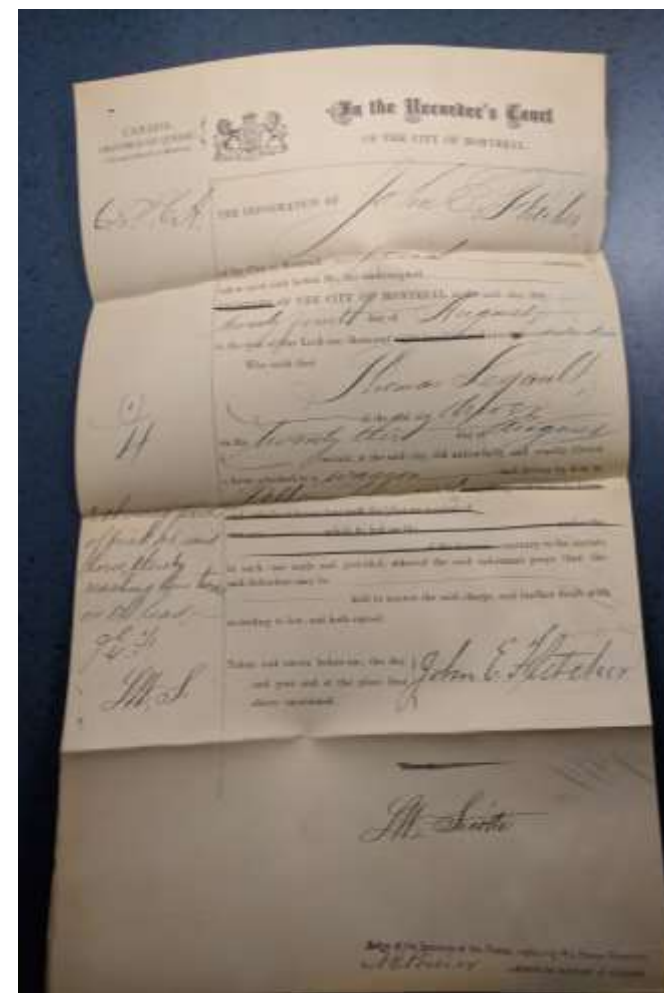
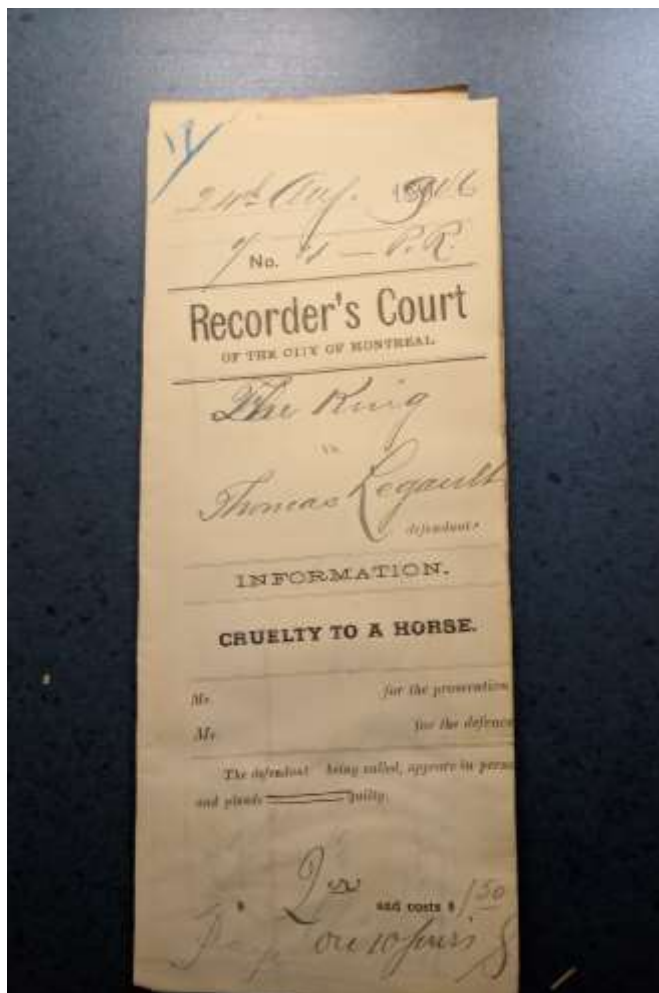
MONTREAL. — Le carnaval d'hiver : Le palais de glace du Dominion Square.



The Ice for the Ice Castle on Dominion Square.....

- — Came from the Lachine Canal.
- — It was brought up Cathedral Street in massive blocks, which the horses frequently had difficulty pulling along the road, due the sheer weight coupled with a lack of snow.
- — Consequently, the horses often struggled with the heaviness, which only caused their masters to whip them more. Frequently, the men were charged in the Recorder's Court with Cruelty to Animals.

The Recorder's Court, August 24, 1906



The Ice Lion on Place d'Armes



The Ice Lion on Place d'Armes

- — Erected by the East End Carnival Committee
- — The entire structure was 30 feet high
- — The lion was 16 feet in length
- — illuminated by “powerful electric lighting” both within and without the massive ice formation

The Ice Lion on Place d'Armes

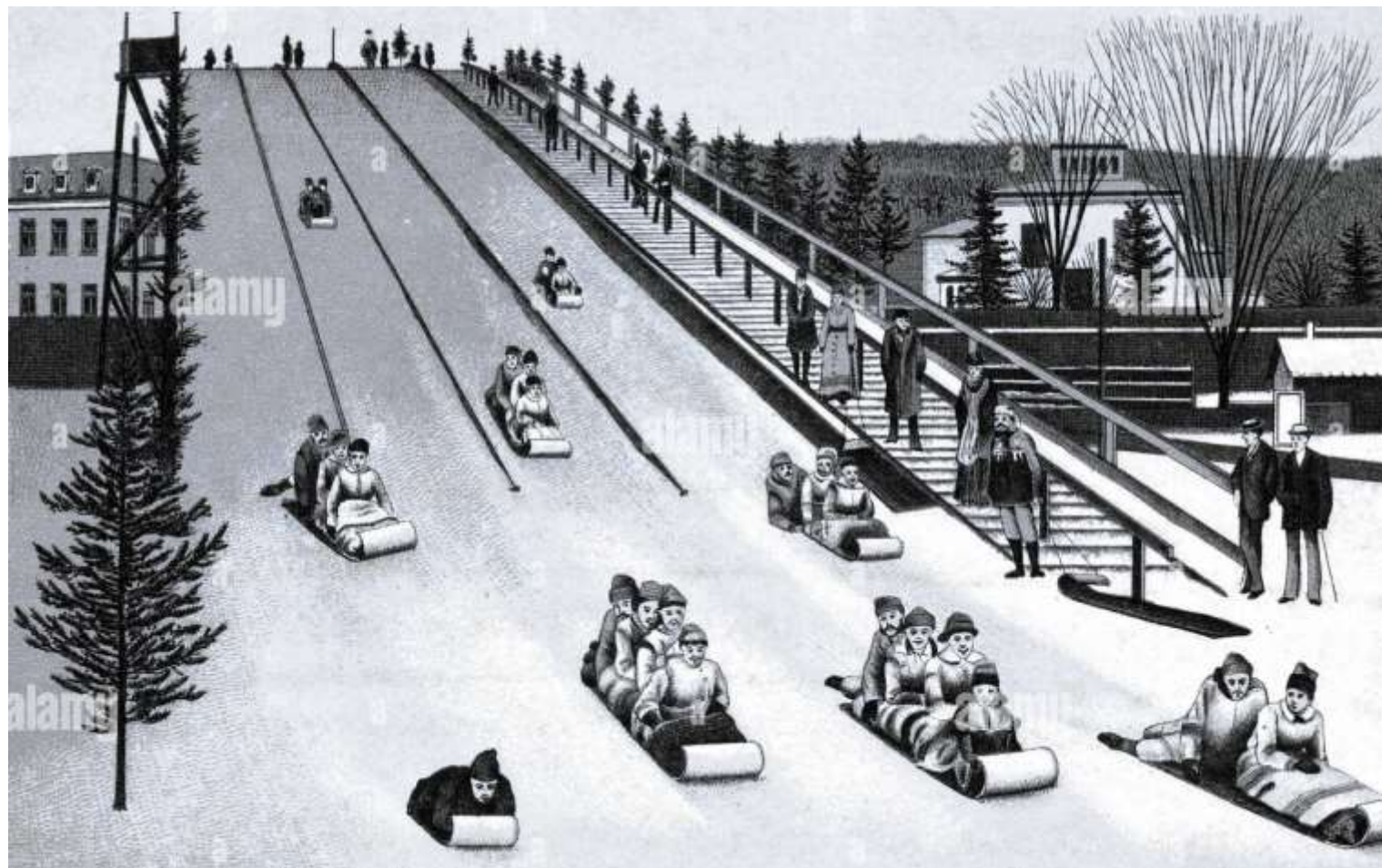


THE ICE LION.

Montreal
SnowShoe Club,
'La Tuque Bleue',
1889, gathering
for a 'tramp'
around Mount
Royal



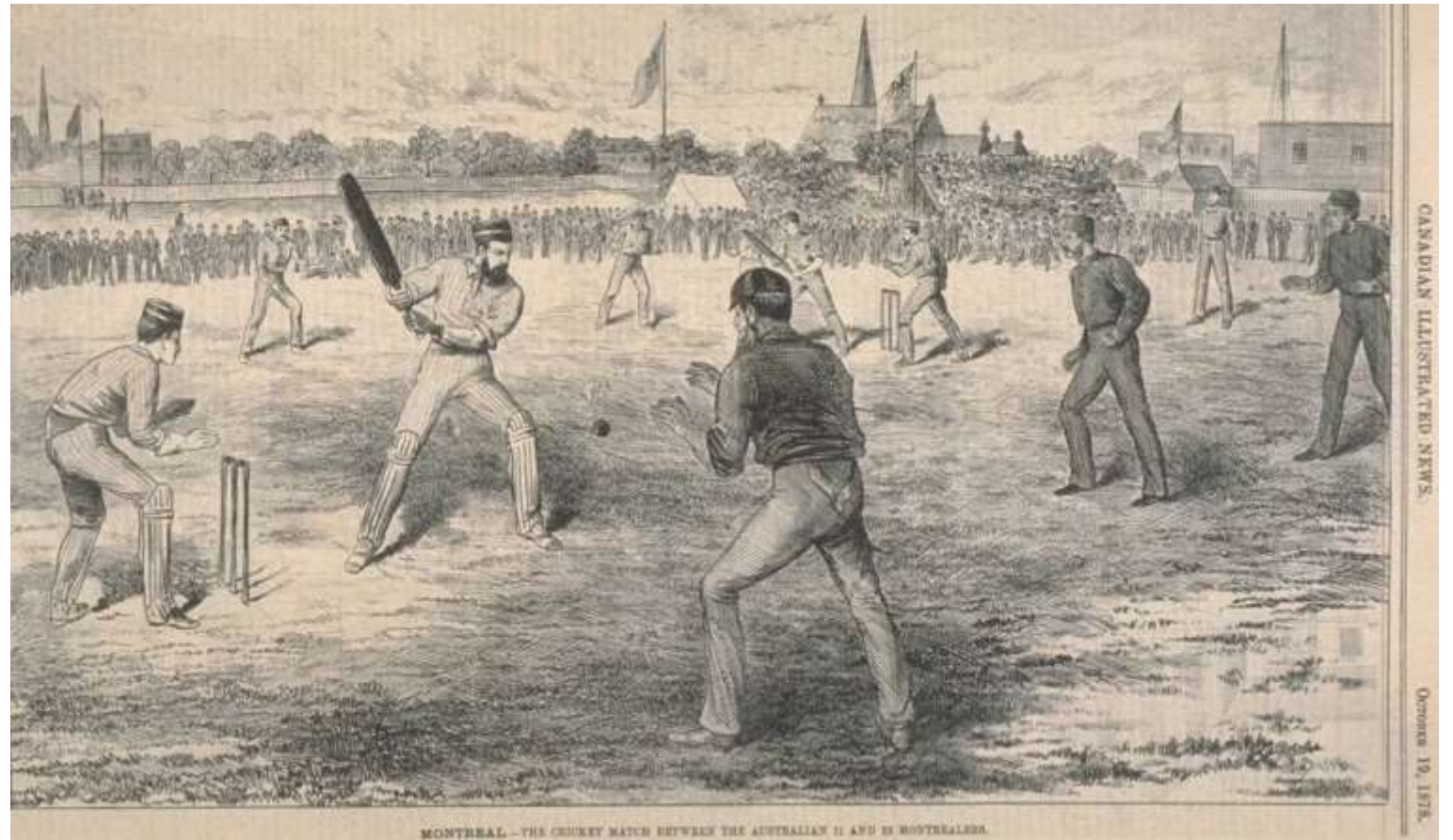
Tuque Bleue
Slide, circa
1885



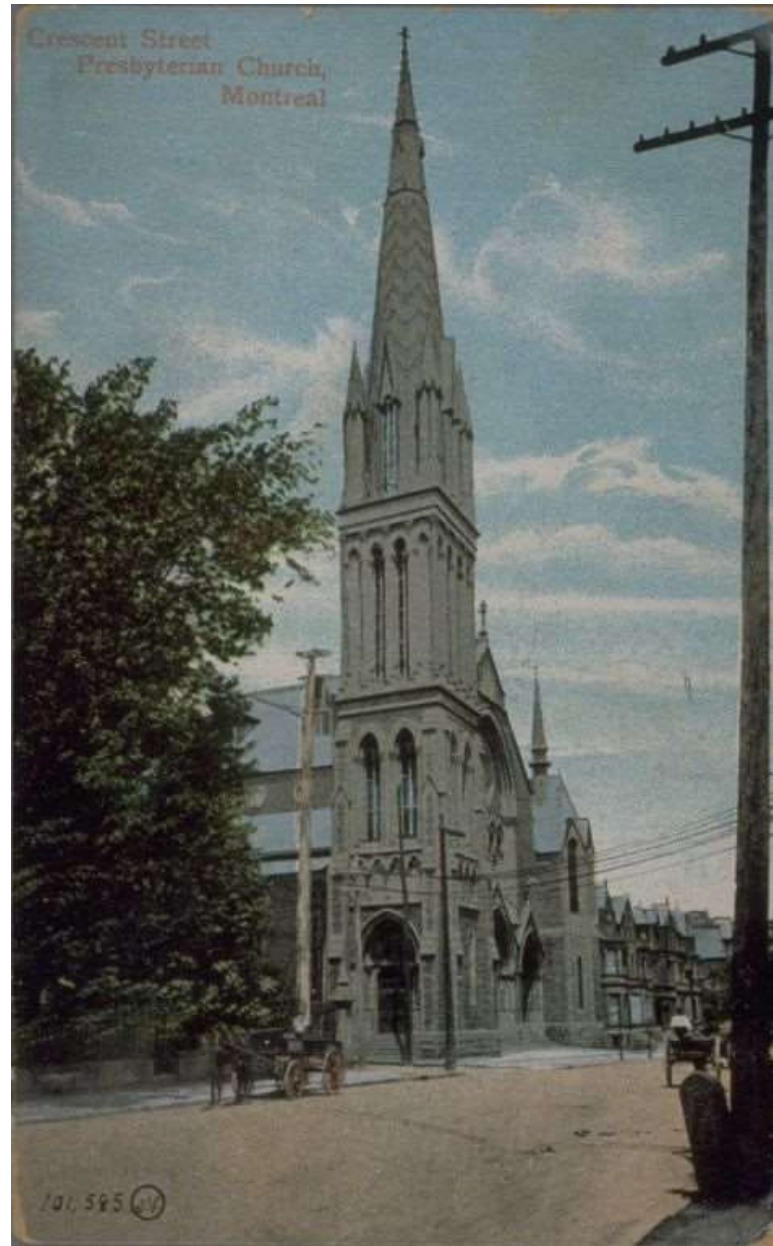
Montreal Cricket
Grounds, St.
Catherine Street
/ L'Opinion
publique,
September 5,
1872



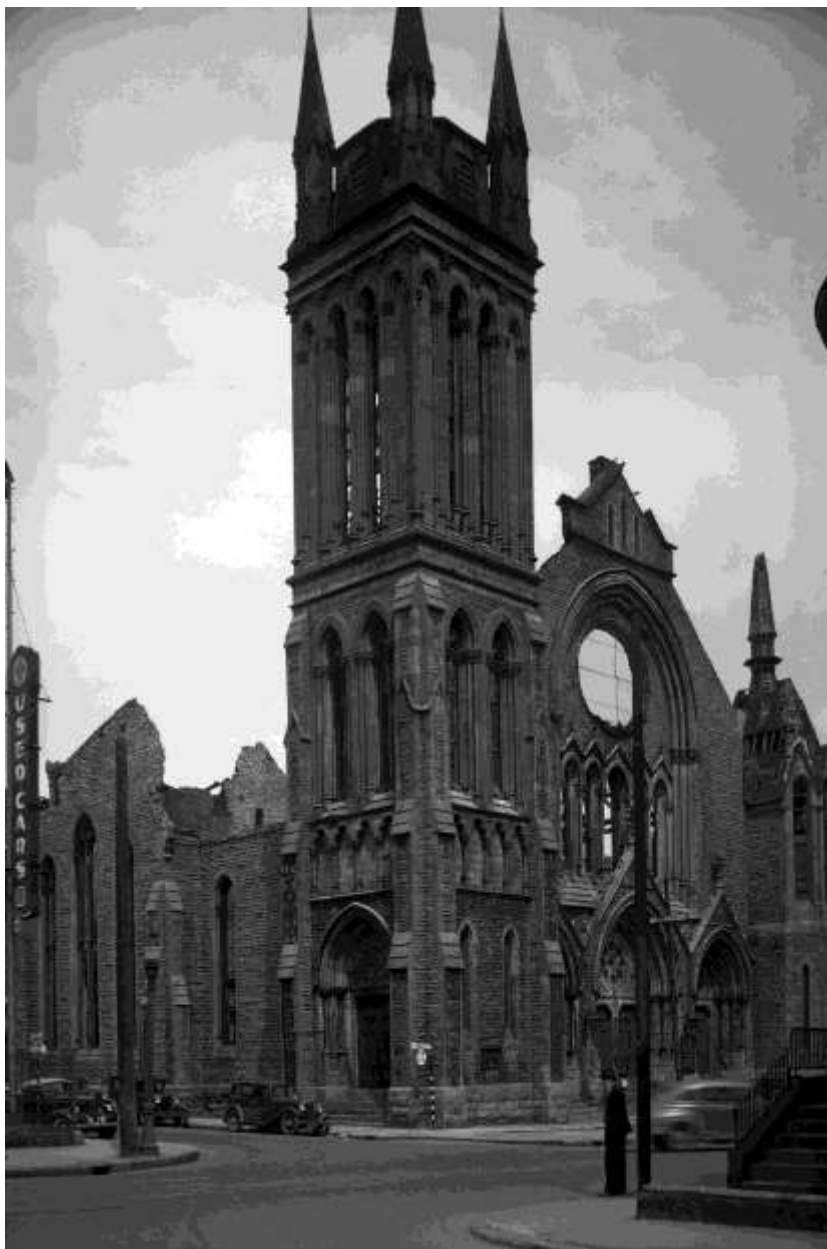
Canadian
Illustrated
News,
October 19,
1878



Knox
Crescent
Street
Presbyterian
Church



Knox Crescent
Street
Presbyterian
Church Fire,
November
1946



Sherbrooke
Street
Lacrosse
Grounds,
1864



St. Catherine and Mountain Street Homes





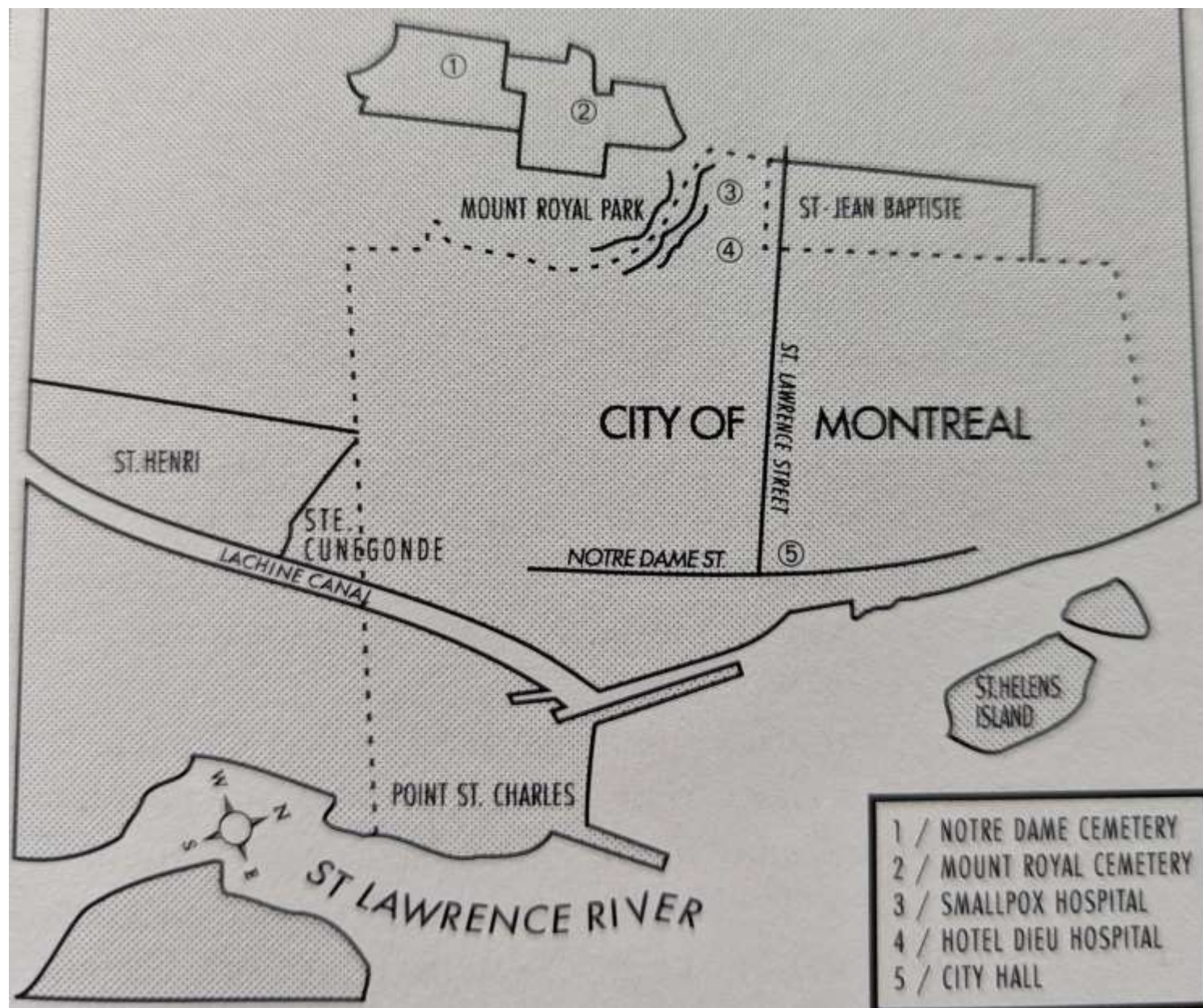
Tobogganing and Morals...and Smallpox!!



(2)The
Mayoralty
Election of
March 2,
1885



Montreal, 1885



The Challenger: Honoré Beaugrand



A very brief Beaugrand biography

- Born: Saint-Joseph-de-Lanoraie, Berthier County, Quebec
- Served with the French military forces in Mexico; returning, after their defeat, with them to France
- Later, he pursued a career in journalism in various American cities
- Authored 'Jeanne la Fileuse: épisode de l'émigration, franco-canadienne aux Etats
- Returning to Montreal, he found the liberal-oriented newspaper *La Patrie*
- Served two terms as Mayor of Montreal (1886-88)
- Ran unsuccessfully for the Quebec Legislative Assembly in 1890
- Died in Westmount in October of 1906

The
Incumbent:
Jean-Louis
Beaudry



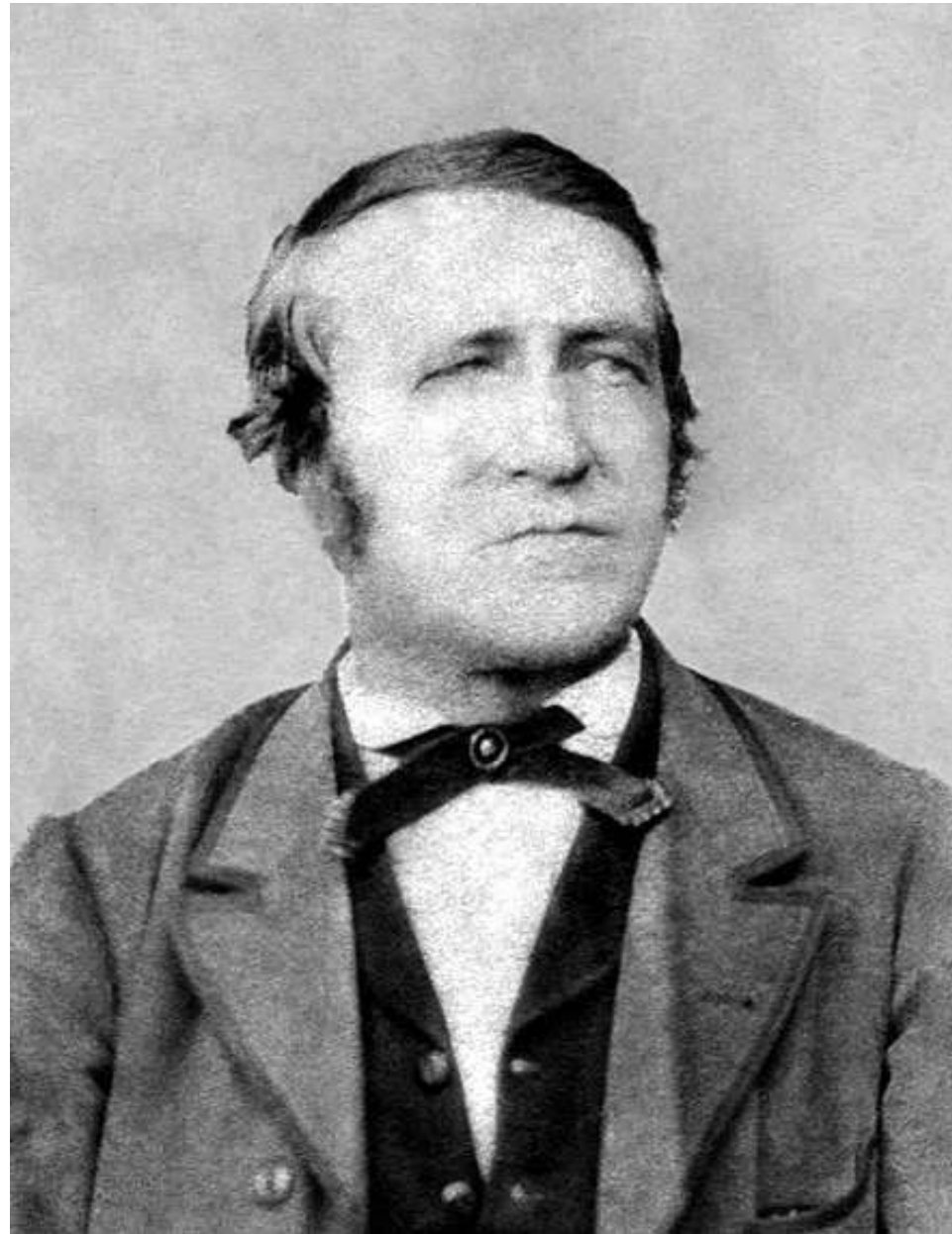
Prudent
Beaudry,
Mayor of Los
Angeles,
1874-76



Jean Louis and Prudent Beaudry



Damien
Marchesseault,
First French-
Canadian Mayor
of Los Angeles,
1859-65



La Patrie, 1879-1978

PARIS BOMBARDE.—Paris, 2.—Le bombardement de Paris à longue distance a recommencé à 10.10h. ce matin

MONTEAL, MARDI, 2 AVRIL 1918

La Patrie

LE NUMERO EN CROIX

LES EMEUTES DE QUEBEC

Deux cadavres à la morgue.—Vingt blessés dont 5 soldats.—"L'Association de la Liberté" Incendie hier soir.—Récit complet de la sanglante échauffourée au Boulevard Langeber hier soir.—Réunion spéciale du cabinet fédéral à Ottawa ce matin.—Commentaires des journaux.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN FERA UNE DECLARATION EN CHAMBRE AUJOURD'HUI

LA GUERRE SOUS-MARINE

LE CABINET FEDERAL S'ASSEMBLE D'URGENCE

ON DEVRAIT LES ENVOYER EN FRANCE

CINQ MORTS

65 PRISONNIERS

LES EMEUTES EN QUEBEC

LA "PATRIE" AFFICHERA LE RAPPORT DES ELECTIONS

UN BEAU SUCCES DES ANGLAIS

QUATRE CADAVRES A LA MORGUE

LE DOCTEUR MICHAEL CLARKE ET LES EMEUTES DE QUEBEC

LES EMEUTES DE QUEBEC

DES JOURNALISTES ARRIVENT







Political Organization!

MAYORALTY !

—:0:—

Friends of Mr. H. BEAUGRAND, willing to place Sleighs at the disposal of his Committee for Polling Day, will please report to Central Committee Rooms, Mechanics' Hall, as soon as possible.

Sleights to be on hand at 8 a.m. on MONDAY NEXT, 2nd March, at Mechanics' Hall.

M. E. SEARL,
Secretary Central Committee.



Political Organization = Results!!

- **Beaugrand took 53% of the 6255 ballots cast in open public voting, which looked something like this.....**

Montrealers
voted
publicly in
1885



The very NON – Secret Ballot



Beaugrand
3,322;
Beaudry
2,923



Today,
Beaugrand's
Home, 1663
St. Hubert
Street



L'expulsion of the
Chartreux (Carthusian
Order) in 1903

Beaugrand
was a
Freemason
and very
anti-clerical



L'expulsion des Chartreux. — Les moines quittent le couvent et passent devant les troupes.

City Council, 1885



City Council meetings were generally conducted in English at the time.



Hormidas Jeannotte,
(1843 – 1909) Member
of the Conservative
Party and very anti-
Beaugrand



Beaugrand Tombstone, Mount Royal Cemetery



(3) April Spring Floods



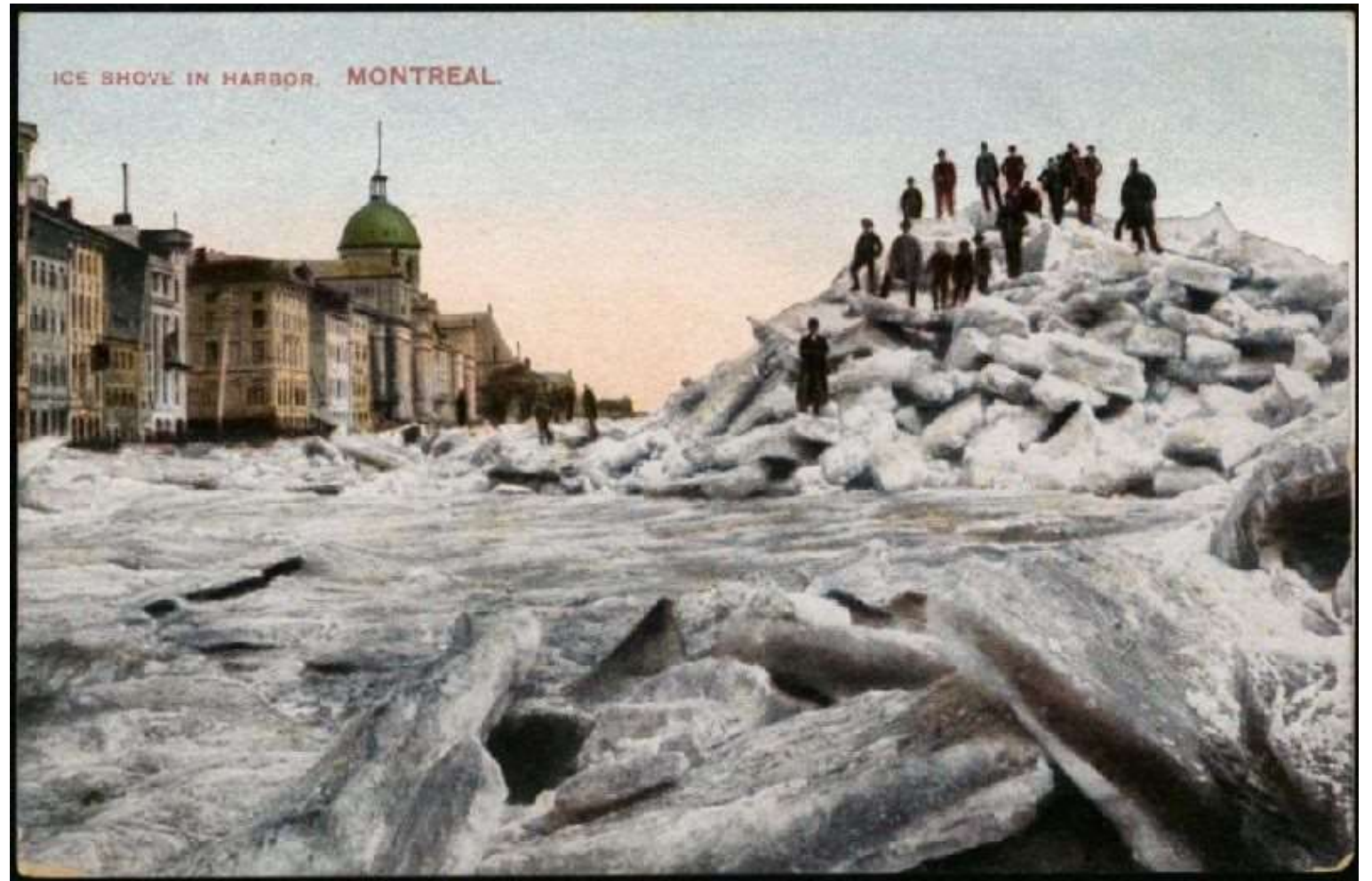
La rue Saint-Joseph (aujourd'hui Notre-Dame) lors de l'inondation historique d'avril 1886.

Cette année-là, les eaux atteignent 4 à 6 pieds de haut. Le journal *La Patrie* affirme que 20 000 familles sont touchées par

Saint-Joseph Street (today Notre-Dame) during the historic flooding in April 1886.

This year, the waters rose to a height of between 4 and 6 feet. The newspaper *La Patrie* reported that 20,000 families were affected by the flooding.

Ice Shove in the Harbour





John Henry Walker
(1831-1899),
Canadian
engraver and
illustrator

Chaboillez
Square, circa.
1886



St. Paul Street, 1886



Place
Jacques
Cartier, circa
1885



Bonaventure Station, 1886



Craig Street
Pumping
Station, June
23, 2020



Craig
Pumping
Station
(undated)



*La Prison
des Patriotes*



(4) The Last
Great
Montreal
Smallpox
Epidemic



Absolutely no
smallpox in
Montreal from July
1881 through to
February 1885



Year Deaths Deaths Per Thousand

• 1872	896	7.41
• 1873	228	1.83
• 1874	647	5.10
• 1875	590	4.54
• 1876	704	5.29
• 1877	506	3.76
• 1878	728	5.48
• 1879	472	3.49
• 1880	140	1.03

Bishop Bourget,
Notre Dame Church
/ Witness, June 13,
1885



Bishop Jean-Jacques Lartigue, who died in 1840

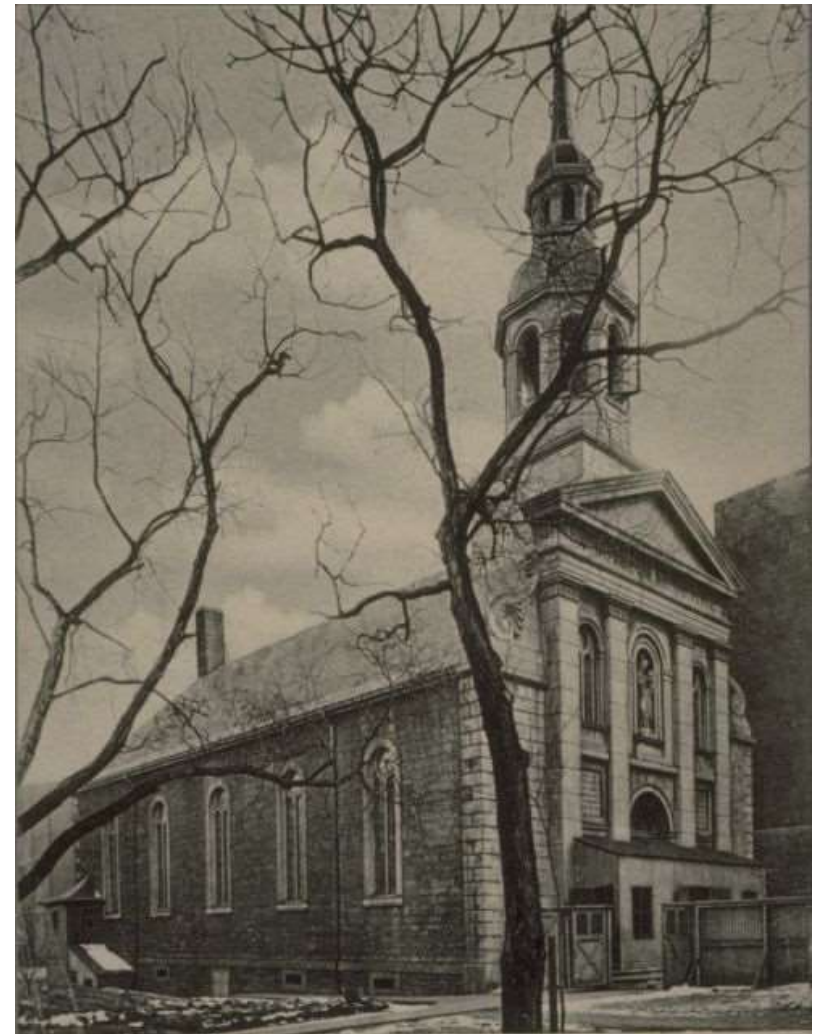
- Body was removed from Eglise Notre Dame de la Pitié 45 years after his death and taken along with that of Bishop Bourget through the streets of Montreal to the construction site of St. Jacques Cathedral, today Mary Queen of the World. The bodies of both were placed in vaults at that location.



Eglise
Notre Dame
de la Pitié,
1885



Eglise Notre Dame de la Pitié



Montreal. Eglise Notre Dame de Pitié

Mirrors were
not
permitted in
smallpox
hospitals



Total Deaths Due to Smallpox in 1885

- Montreal: 3,259
- Montreal and surrounding suburbs 5764
- All of Quebec: 5,964



- Photo: Leicester Isolation Hospital, 1901

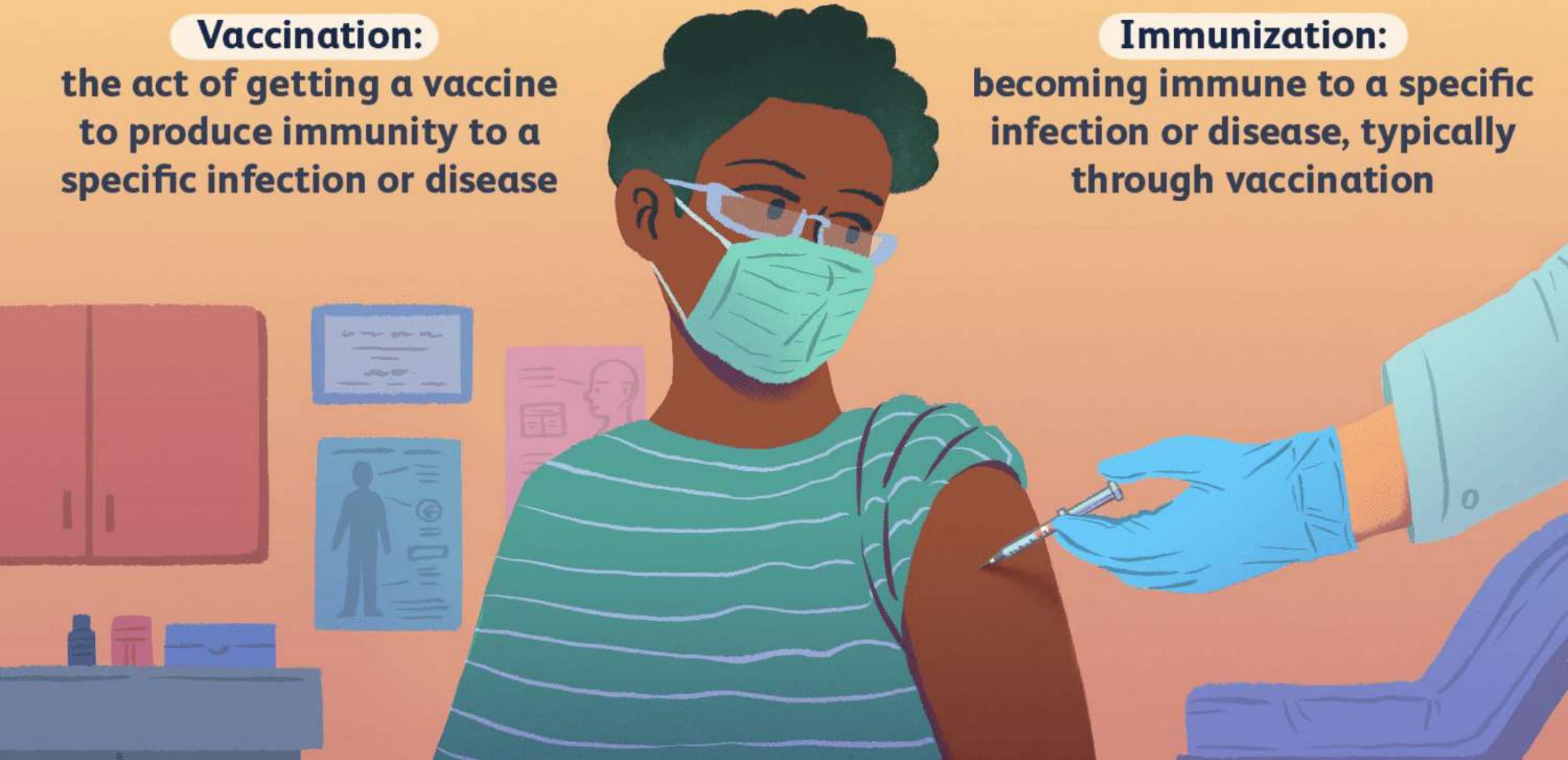
Vaccination vs. Immunization

Vaccination:

the act of getting a vaccine to produce immunity to a specific infection or disease

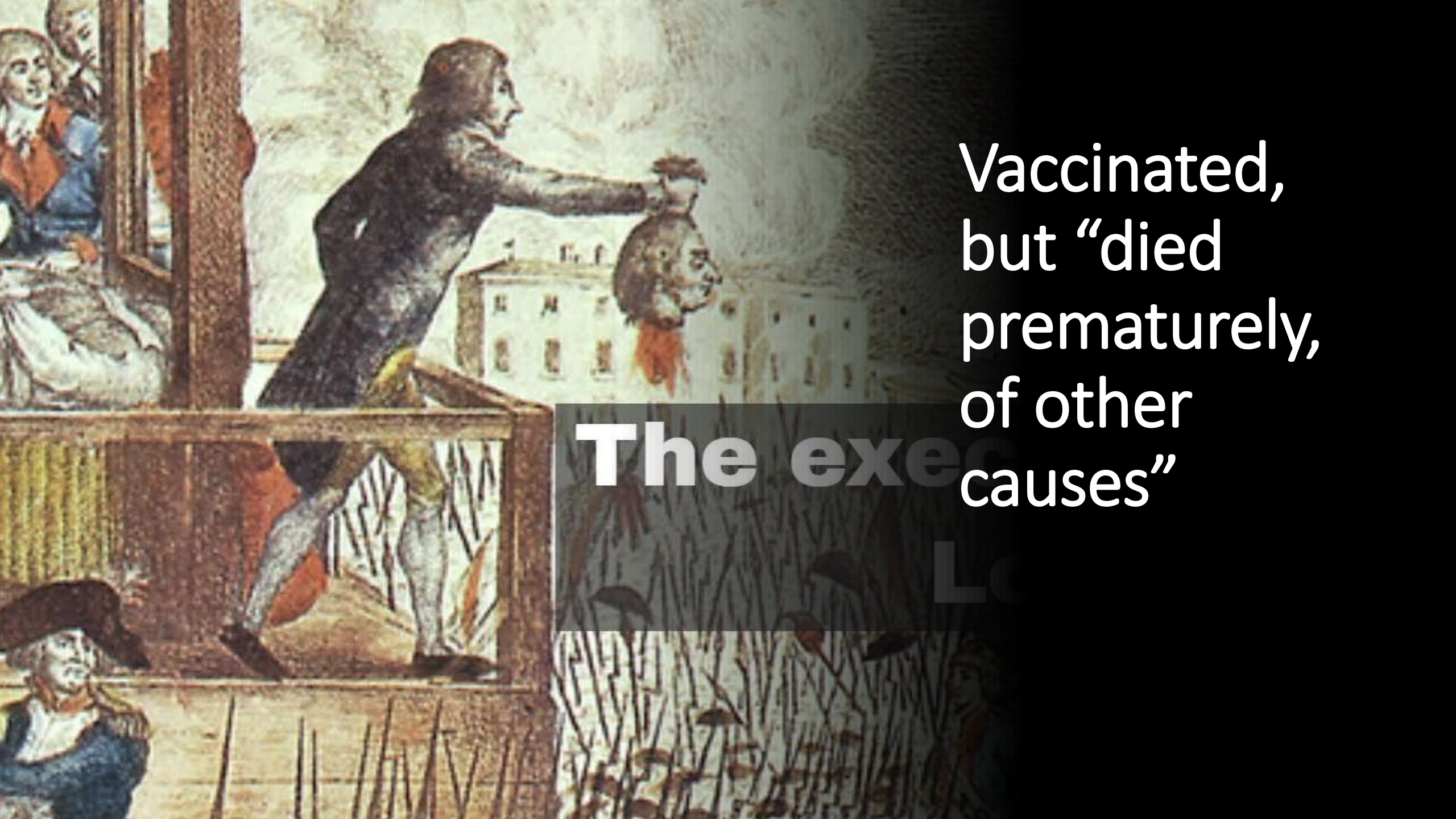
Immunization:

becoming immune to a specific infection or disease, typically through vaccination



To Vax or not
to vax; that
was the
question





Vaccinated,
but “died
prematurely,
of other
causes”

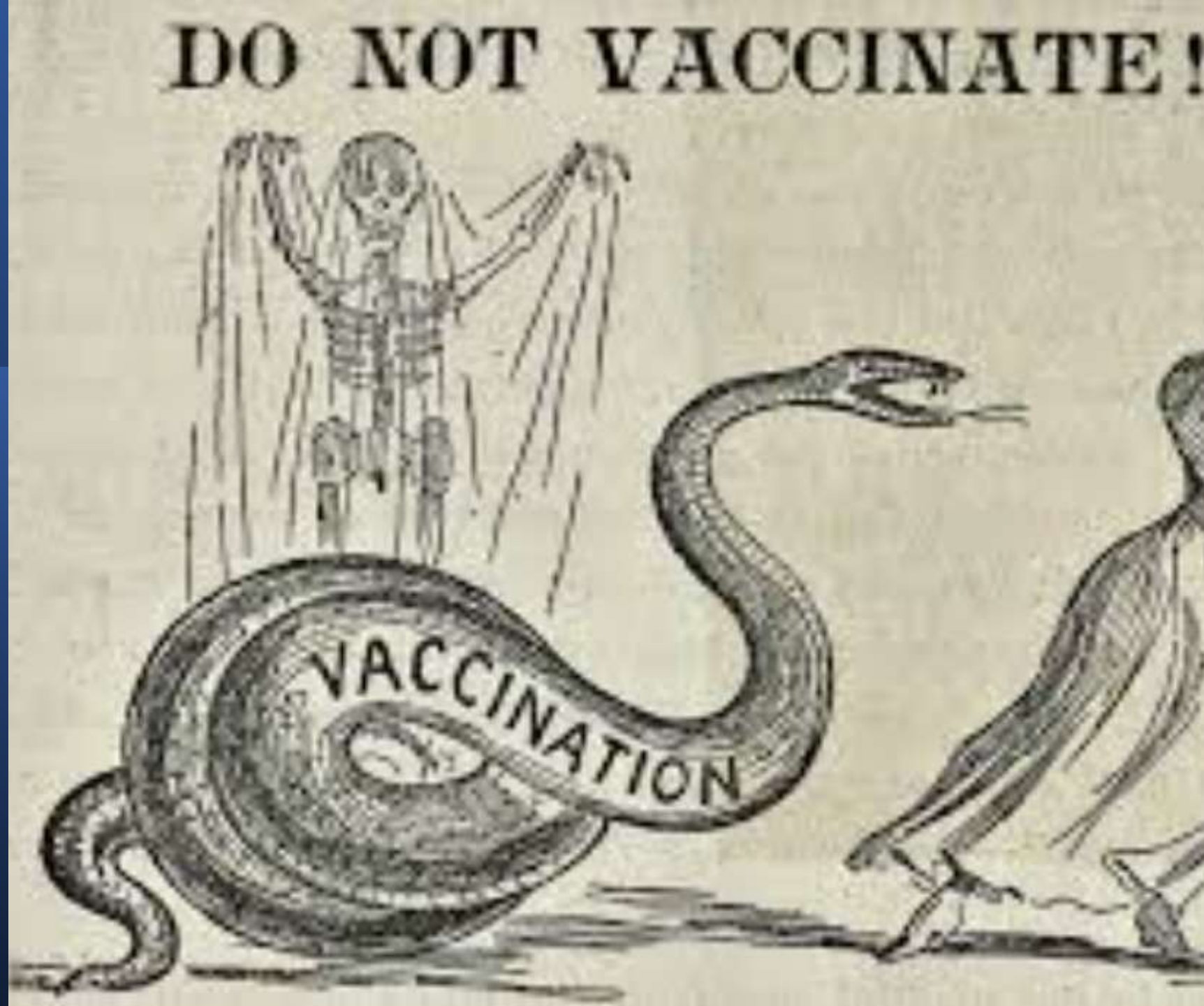
The execution

Le

Removal of a body



Vaccination
controversy



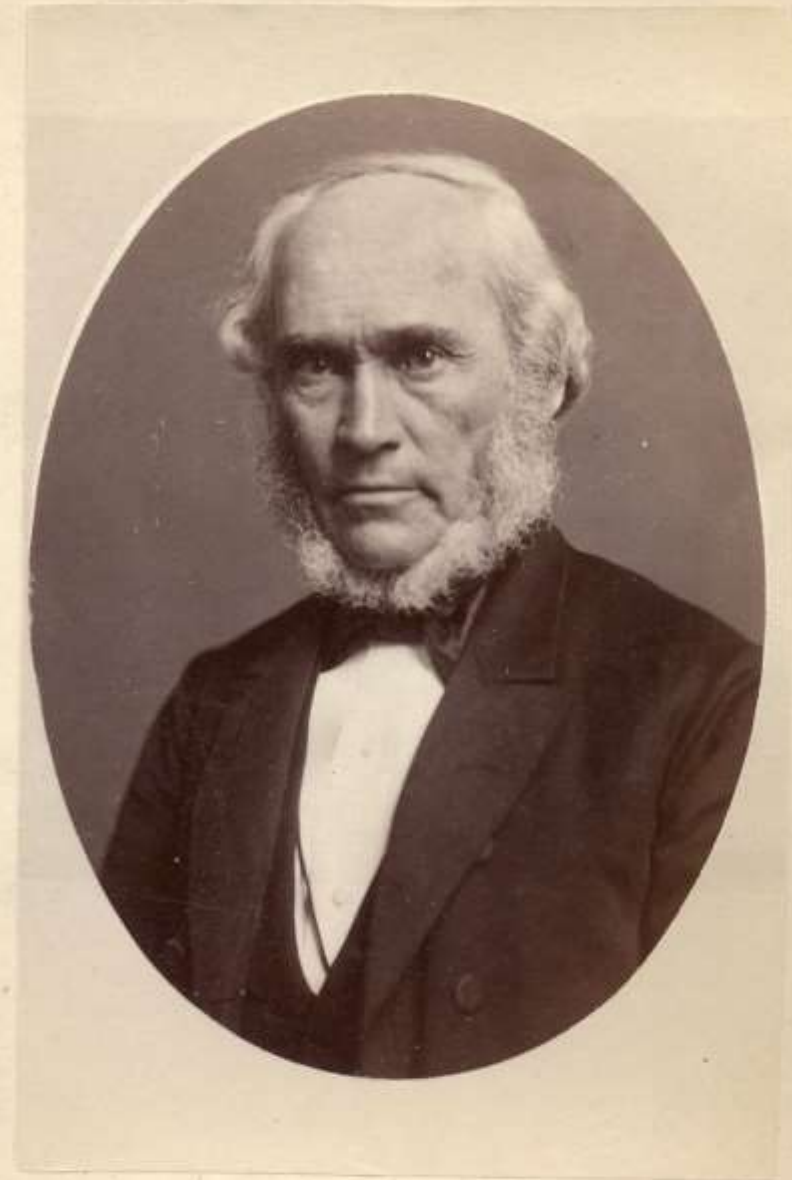
Dr. Alexander Milton Ross, 1832-1897

- Contributed to the formation of the Canadian Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League (of which he was president)
- Worked with the few others in the medical community — such as Dr. Joseph-Emerly-Coderre — who were against vaccination



Dr. Joseph Emery-Coderre

- Vehemently opposed compulsory vaccination
 - Launched the French-language journal 'L'Antivaccinateur canadien-français', which, with the demise of the 1885 smallpox epidemic, folded after just three issues
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Montreal Backyard, 1914 (BANQ)



Anti- Vaccination Post Card



Quebec,
2021



City Hall,
December 3,
1901



VACCINATION A L'HOTEL DE VILLE. — L'UNE DES SCENES MULTIPLES QUE PRESENTAIT L'INTERIEUR DU BUREAU D'HYGIENE, CET AVANT-MIDI. — D'après le programme de l'un de nos dessinateurs.

La
Presse, 1906



La vaccination à l'hôtel de ville. Le
Dr Guilbault examinant le bras
d'un enfant.

La Presse, 1906



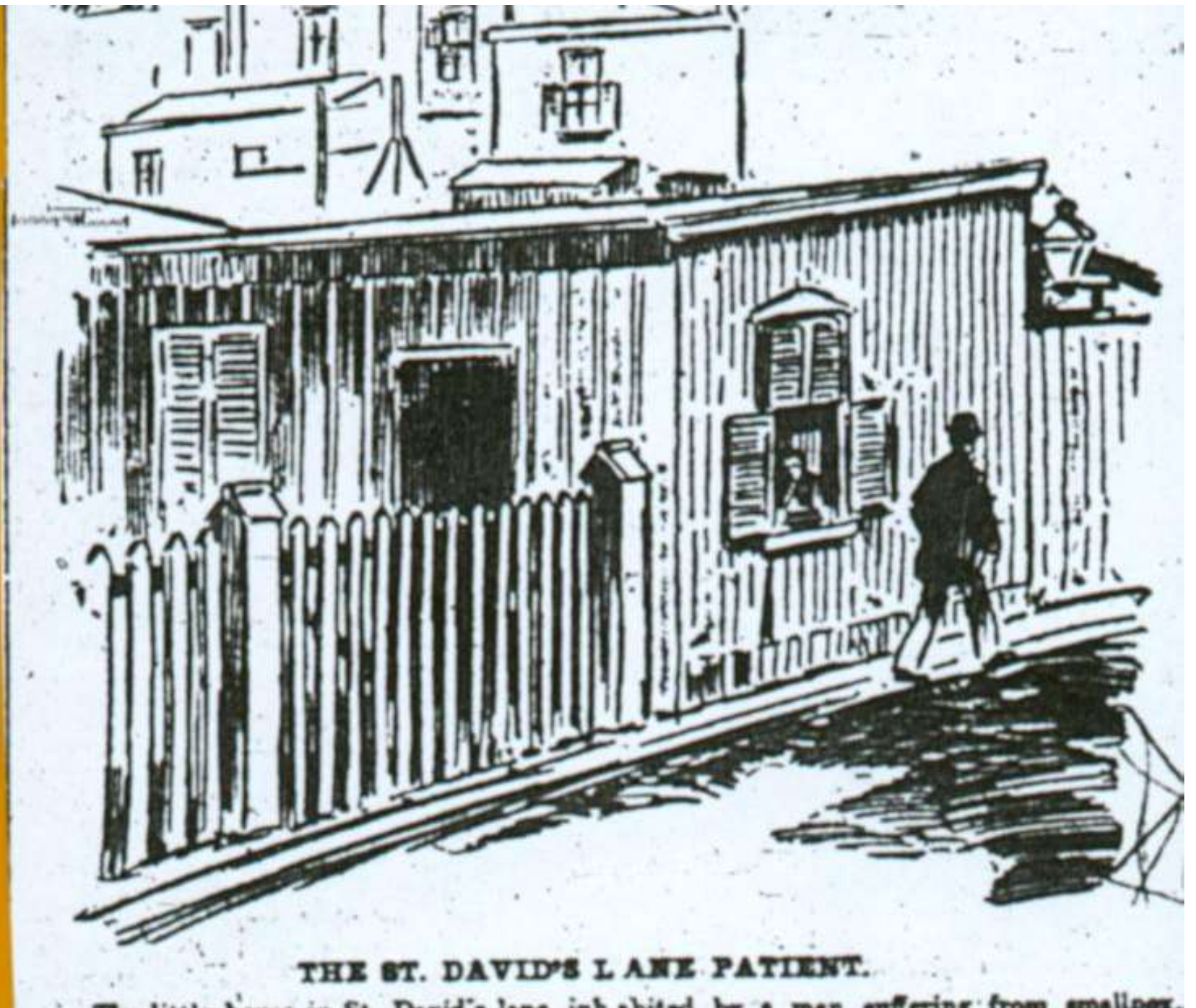
GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL OPENINGS.



Dr. Malour operating at the free vaccination depot at the City Hall. To facilitate the work free depots have been opened in every section of the city.

Montreal Star,
August 31,
1910

Montreal
Star, April 2,
1902



THE ST. DAVID'S LANE PATIENT.

St. David's Lane inhabited by a man suffering from smallpox.

1885
Montreal
Smallpox
Placard

VARIOLE

DANGER D'ENTRER

SMALL-POX

DANGEROUS TO GO IN

La Presse,
December
16, 1901

AVIS PUBLIC

Vaccination

Avis est par les présentes donné que la vaccination gratuite sera faite aux postes de police suivants, de 7 à 10 heures p.m., tous les jours, les dimanches exceptés.

No 8 — Coin des rues Ontario et Beaudry, Dr Comtois.

No 8 — Rue des Seigneurs, près Notre-Dame, Dr Daoust.

No 9 — Coin des rues Grand Tronc et St-Arret, Dr Lanson.

No 12 — Coin des rues Marie-Anne et St-Laurent, Dr Bayard.

No 13 — Rue Ontario, entre Fullum et Dufresne, Dr Ranger.

No 14 — Coin des rues Rachel et Christophe Colomb, Dr Robillard.

Aussi la vaccination gratuite se fait au département de Santé, hôtel de ville, tous les jours, de 9 à 12 heures a.m., de 1 à 3 et de 7 à 10 heures p.m.

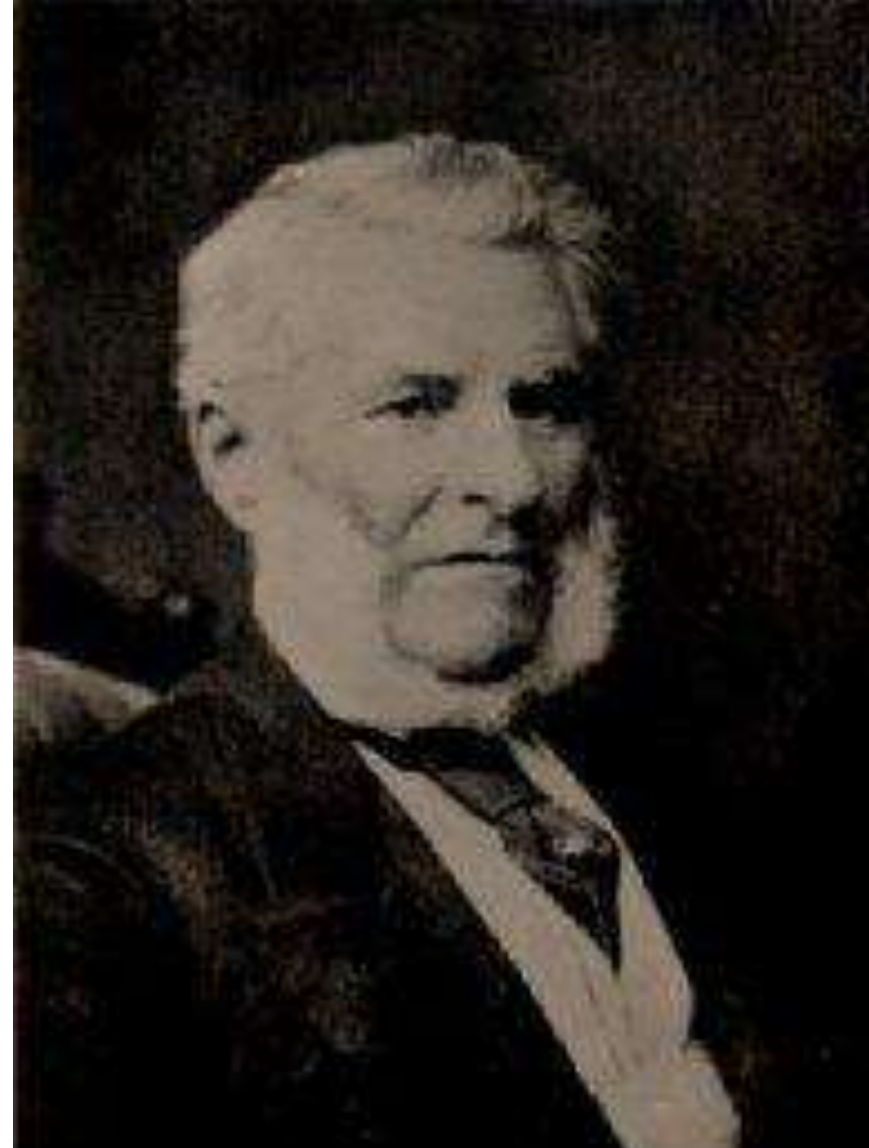
L. LABERGE,
Médecin officier de Santé.

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The price of the smallpox vaccination

- The *Witness* reported in its August 18, 1885, edition that English-language Montreal doctors charged \$2 for the ‘jab’, even though the vaccine was given to them free by municipal authorities. In today’s currency that is somewhere in the vicinity of \$75.
- That same account stated that French-language doctors charged half that amount — from .50 cents to \$1.
- However, periodically, throughout the course of the epidemic, there were *public* vaccinators who performed the task at City Hall or, during certain hours, at their home

The Turning Point:
the Death of Sir
Francis Hincks on
August 18, 1885 at
his home on St.
Antoine Street



Sir Francis
Hincks, 1869



The Home of
Sir Francis
Hincks, KCMG,
CB, PC — 2338
St. Antoine
Street



Partial list of
Smallpox
Burials at CDN,
August 22,
1885 / Witness

THE DEATH LIST.

The following deaths from small-pox have taken place from the 20th of July to the 18th inst. The figures are from the Cote des Neiges Cemetery returns :

Raoul Maher, 4 years, 1 Panteleon street.
Rosa Desjardis, 4 years, 245 Panet street.
Horace Drolet, 11 years, 385 Panet street.
Alma Lavigne, 7 years, 166 St. Dominique street.
Eulalie Farreau, 1 year, 10 months, 21 Cadieux street.
Louise Thérien, 21 Montcalm street.
Edward Muckle, 47 years, Bernard Lane.
Albert Lavigne, 2 years, 11 mos., 166 St. Dominique.
A. Tremblay, 1 year, 0 months, 170½ Montcalm street.
Rose Lathien, 3 years, Panet street.
John B. Meunier, 2 years, 10 months, 18 Panteleon.
Alice Thompson, 0 months, 184 St. Lawrence street.
Romuald Bernier, 12 years, 20 Joachim Lane.

JULY 23.

H. Mercier, 3 years, General Hospital.
Hermeline Rollin, 12 years, 38 Bernard street.
Ernest Poirier, 2 years, 275 German street.
James Panneton, 6 years, 183 Mignonno street.
Jos. Desève, 5 years, 617 St. Lawrence street.
A. Marien, 2 months, 262 Visitation street.
Lelio Vallere, 18 years, 243 Beaudry street.
Jennie Caron, 3 years, 3 months, 270 St. Dominique.
Albo Maher, 1 year, 3 months, 1 Pantaleon.

JULY 20.

Guillaume Bourdeaux, 6½ years, 270 St. Dominique.
Malvina Lavigno, 3½ years, 166 Montcalm street.

JULY 30.

Amanda Lavallee, 10 years, 418 Jacques Cartier.

Vaccinating
on a GTR
train heading
to the USA



CANADA.—THE RECENT SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC IN MONTREAL.—VACCINATING AMERICAN-BOUND PASSENGERS ON A TRAIN OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
FROM SKETCHES BY JAMES MARTIN.—SEE PAGE 515.

Rolland
Lane,
November 4,
1885

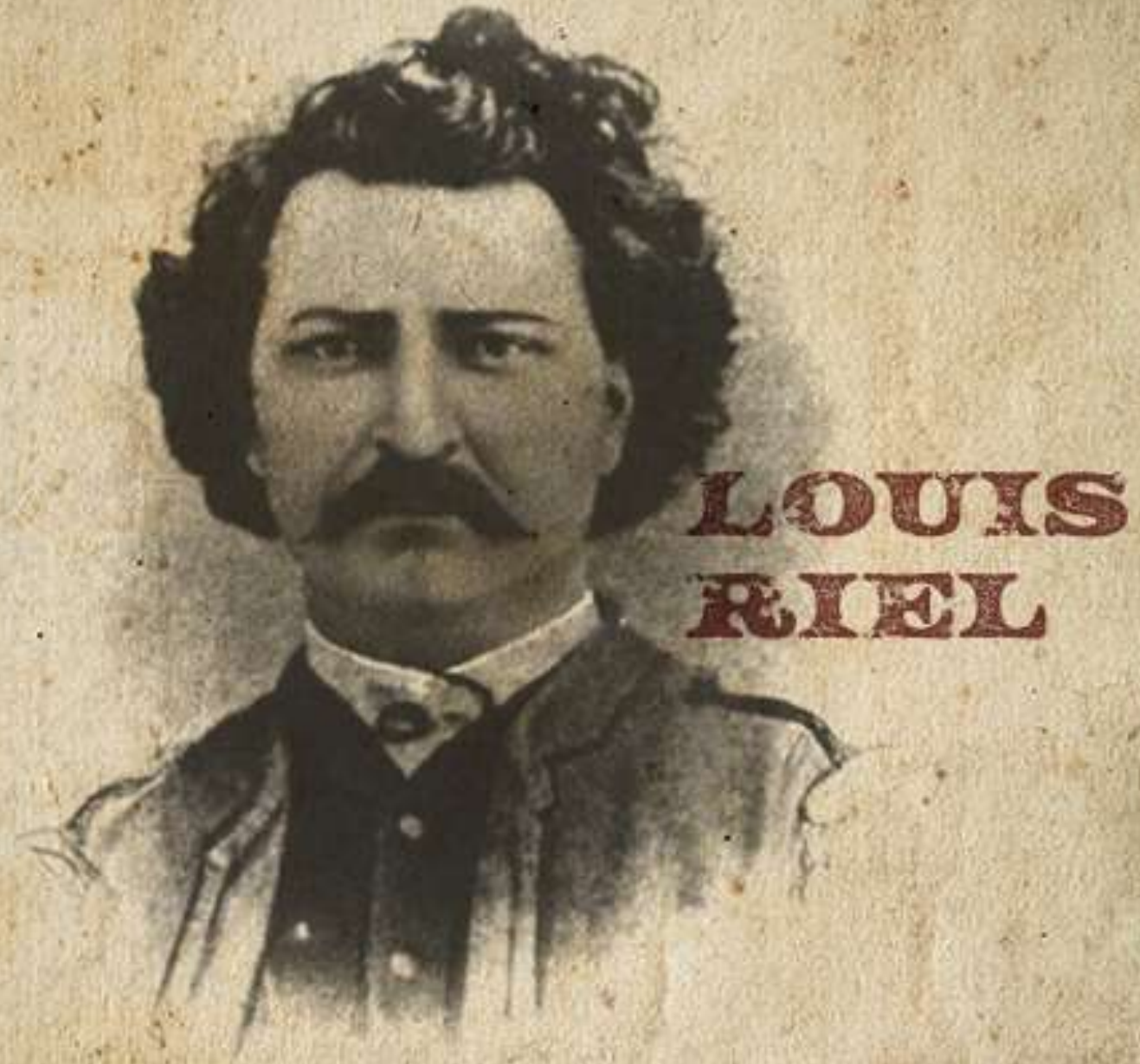


The Storming
of the City Hall
/ Le Monde
Illustré,
October 17,
1885



MONTRÉAL. — SCÈNES EN FACE DE L'HOTEL-DE-VILLE, PAR LES ANTI-VACCINATEURS, DANS LA SOIRÉE DU 28 SEPTEMBRE

(5) The
Hanging of
Louis Riel



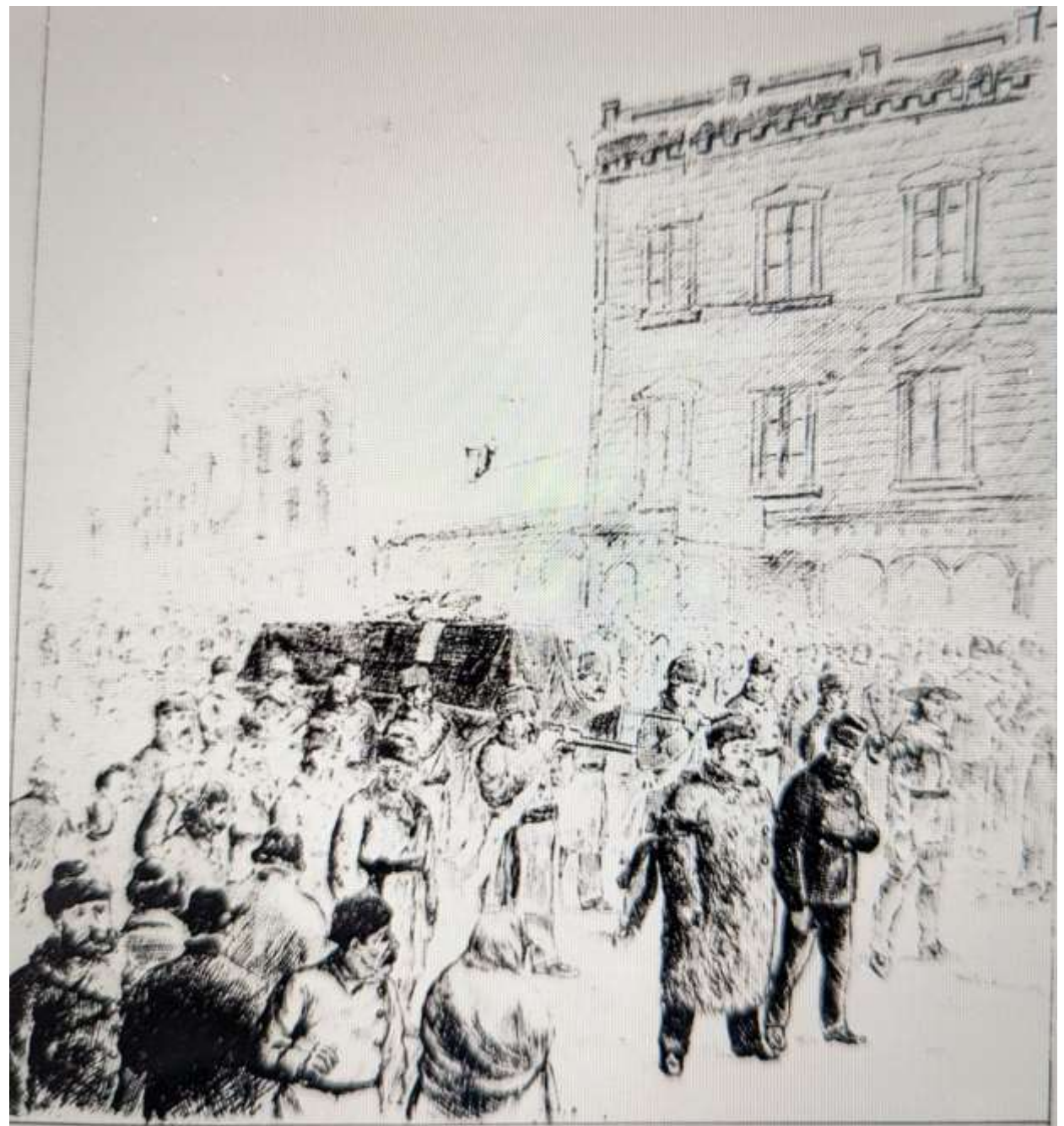
Demonstration
on the Champ-
de-Mars / Le
Monde Illustré,
December 5,
1885



The Hanging of
Louis Riel / Le
Monde Illustré,
December 5,
1885



The Funeral of
Louis Riel / Le
Monde Illustré,
December 5,
1885



SAINT-BONIFACE (MANITOBA) — FUNÉRAILLES DE RIEL.

Montreal,
1885 /
Montreal,
2024



The Witness,
May 26, 1885
/ The 'Bear'
Facts

- **“This morning Sergeant Carpenter saw a young black bear, about four months old, running along Ontario street. He gave chase, when it ran up the telegraph post in front of No. 4 Police Station, and ‘squatted’ on the top. The sergeant went into the station for a few moments to procure assistance, but on returning, he found the bear had come down, and was going off as quick as it could run. It disappeared into the De Lisle orchard and has not since been seen.”**

Guilty as
Charged !



Thank you for
your kind
attention!! / Je
vous remercie de
votre aimable
attention!!



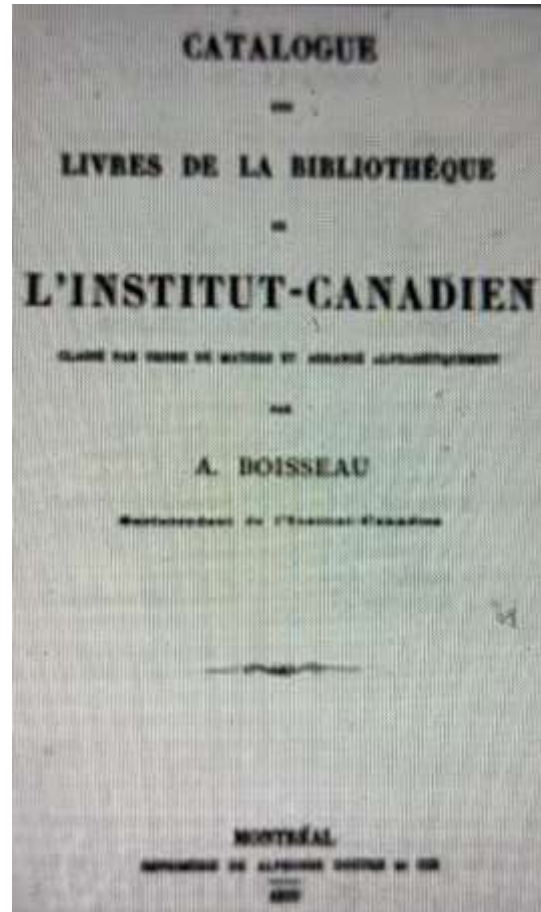
C'est tout les amis!!



Premier John Jones Ross, 1884-87



Institut Canadien, 1844 - 1885



- <https://canadaehx.com/2023/01/03/the-1885-montreal-smallpox-epidemic/>





L'examen des bagages à la gare Bonaventure.



Poverty / Honest

CHARBON RETROUVE

On voit dans une vitrine de la rue McGill, chez MM. Mathewson, l'avis suivant affiché dans la vitrine sur un morceau d'anthracite.

"Trouvé ce charbon dans la rue. La personne qui l'a perdu pourra le recouvrer sur identification."

\$5 a burial

- Mgr Fabre denies the above in The Montreal Witness, September 7, 1885, page four