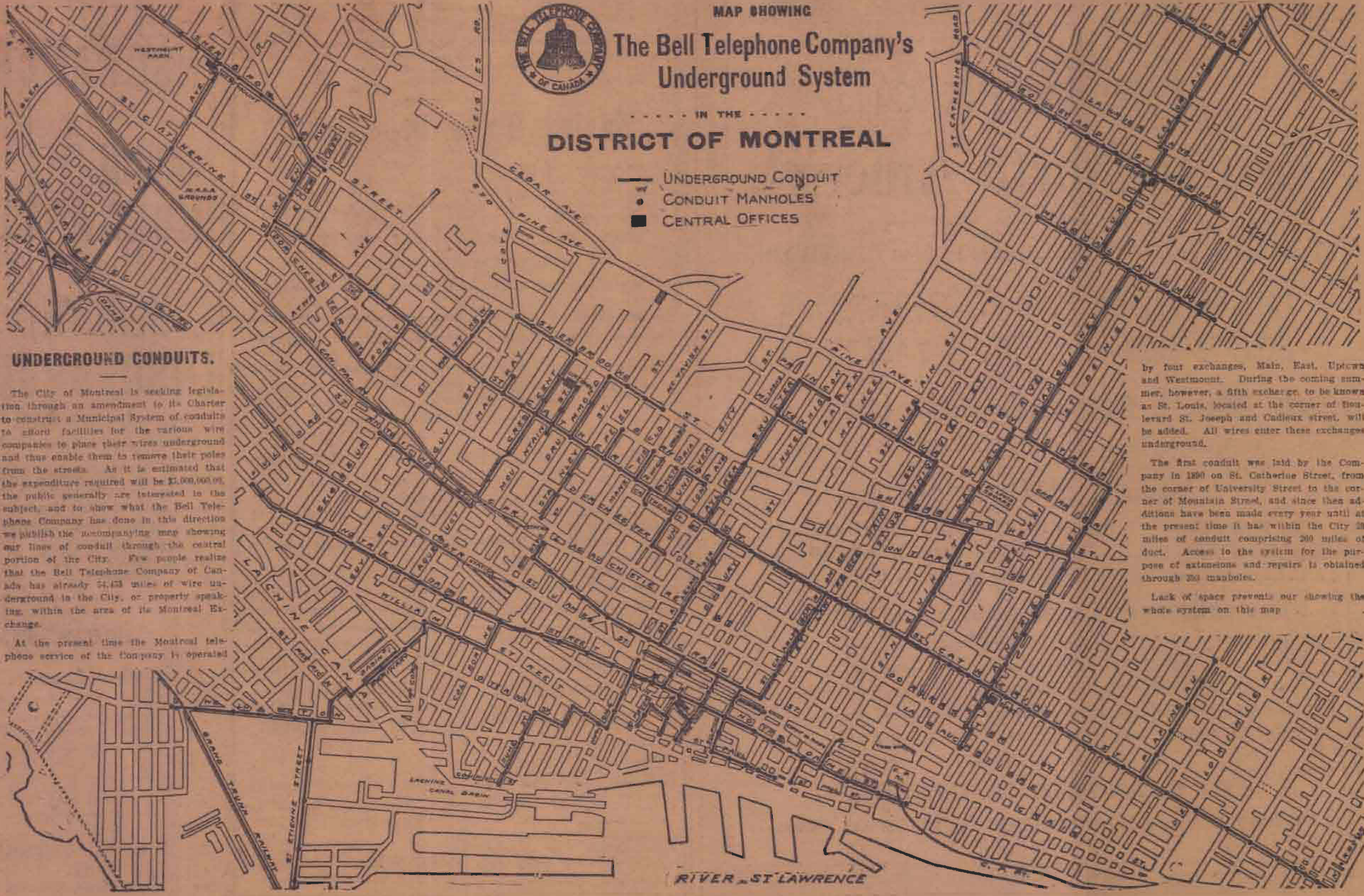




MAP SHOWING
The Bell Telephone Company's
Underground System

..... IN THE
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL

- UNDERGROUND CONDUIT
- CONDUIT MANHOLES
- CENTRAL OFFICES



UNDERGROUND CONDUITS.

The City of Montreal is seeking legislation through an amendment to its Charter to construct a Municipal System of conduits to afford facilities for the various wire companies to place their wires underground and thus enable them to remove their poles from the streets. As it is estimated that the expenditure required will be \$1,000,000, the public generally are interested in the subject, and to show what the Bell Telephone Company has done in this direction we publish the accompanying map showing our lines of conduit through the central portion of the City. Few people realize that the Bell Telephone Company of Canada has already 54.43 miles of wire underground in the City, or properly speaking, within the area of its Montreal Exchange.

At the present time the Montreal telephone service of the Company is operated

by four exchanges, Main, East, Uptown and Westmount. During the coming summer, however, a fifth exchange, to be known as St. Louis, located at the corner of Boulevard St. Joseph and Cadieux street, will be added. All wires enter these exchanges underground.

The first conduit was laid by the Company in 1890 on St. Catherine Street, from the corner of University Street to the corner of Mountain Street, and since then additions have been made every year until at the present time it has within the City 28 miles of conduit comprising 200 miles of duct. Access to the system for the purpose of extensions and repairs is obtained through 200 manholes.

Lack of space prevents our showing the whole system on this map.

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