

## CARNAVALS; Palais de glace

1909 Permission demandée de construire des palais  
1910 de glace sur le Mont-Royal.

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# RAPPORT

DE LA

*Commission des PARCS et TRA-  
VERSES,*

A l'effet de permettre au  
Comité du Carnaval de Montré-  
al de construire un palais  
de glace sur la ferme Flet-  
cher.

Présenté *10* janvier 19*00*

Adopté *même jour* 19*00*

Entré vol. *FF 5* page *32*

et page *162* du vol. *16* des Rapports.



EXTRACT from the minutes of the City Council of Montreal, monthly meeting held on January the 10th 1910.

Submitted and read the following report of the Parks and Ferries Committee to allow Montreal Winter Carnival to erect an ice palace on Fletcher's Field.

The Parks and Ferries Committee

Respectfully report

That they have duly considered the annexed letter from the Montreal Winter Carnival Committee asking for permission to erect an Ice palace on Fletcher's Field for the coming Carnival;

Your Committee, after due deliberation, recommend that said request be acceded to, under the control of the Parks and Ferries Committee; the said Ice palace to be erected on said portion of Fletcher's Field lying between Marie Anne and Rachel streets and Esplanade and Parks Avenues, and to be demolished without delay by the said Carnival Committee when ordered by the said Parks and Ferries Committee, and the ground to be left in good condition to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Mount Royal Park.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Montreal 7th Jan. 1910.

(Signed) Victor Lévesque,  
" I.H. Stearns,  
" Ng Leclair,  
" Arsène Lavallée.

Ald. Lévesque moved,  
Seconded by Ald. Mc Kenna

That said report be received and adopted.

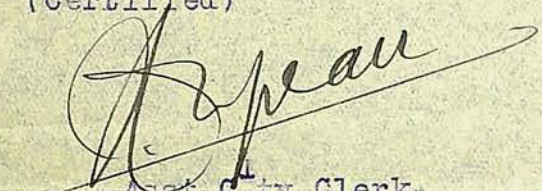
Moved in amendment by Ald. Sadler  
Seconded by Ald. Lévesque

That the words "Under the control of the Parks & Ferries Committee be struck from said report and that so amended the same be received and adopted.

Said amendment being put, it WAS CARRIED and

RESOLVED:- Accordingly.

(Certified)

  
Asst City Clerk.



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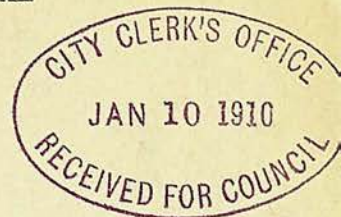
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## TO THE CITY OF MONTREAL



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Montreal, 7th January 1910.

*[Handwritten signatures]*  
J. W. Stearns  
N. Leclair  
Armin Gagnier



# Montreal Winter Carnival

— JANUARY 24—FEBRUARY 5, 1910 —

PHONE UP 5834

*EXECUTIVE:*

C. C. HOLLAND, Chairman  
N. DUPUIS, - Vice-Chairman  
W. B. BAIKIE, - Secretary  
P. E. LAMARCHE, Treasurer  
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JAMES MORGAN  
CAPT. EUGENE BOURASSA  
W. H. GOODWIN  
PERCY MOLSON  
WM. BROWN  
W. J. SCOTT  
C. D. WAAGEN

*OFFICES:*

25a Inglis Building  
485 St. Catherine St. W.

*Montreal,*

January 6/10.

Parks & Ferries Committee,  
City Council,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

On behalf of the Winter Carnival Committee, I hereby make application to your Committee for the erection of an Ice Palace on Fletcher's Field between Duluth & Rachael St., and Park Ave. and Esplanade Ave.,

The Ice Palace is to be erected under the able supervision of Mr. Theo. Daoust, a well-known architect of Montreal who will see that everything is carried out in proper form and in a satisfactory manner.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

  
Secretary.

M. T. / W. B. B.



# Montreal Carnival of Winter Sports

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*February 10th to 20th, 1909.*

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~~Telephone Up 4725~~

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J. A. CHRISTIN.  
JOS. A. MERCIER.  
W. G. ROSS.  
GEO. W. SADLER.  
ED. SHEPPARD.

~~485 St. Catherine Street West,~~

Montreal, April 17th., 1909.

J. E. Gauthier, Esq.,  
Secretary, Parks & Ferries Committee,  
City Hall, C i t y.

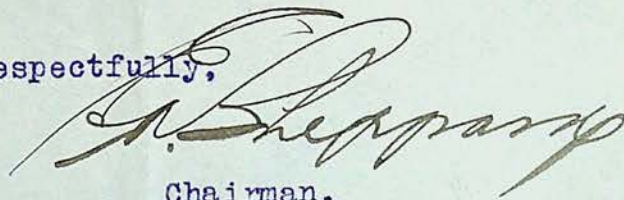
Dear Sir:-

Your communication of April 16th., duly received.

With reference to spreading the ice, which remains of the Ice Palace, I might state that the affairs of the Winter Carnival have been settled as far as funds have allowed. The Committee have now a deficit and have no money to spend on spreading the small amount of ice, which remains on the Field.

I am somewhat surprised that the Parks Committee should be so very keen on having good, clean, pure ice spread and removed when they allow the existing snow-dump of the scrapings of the street on the opposite side of Bleury St., to remain. Had the weather been any way mild the small amount of ice, which now remains, would have all been gone by this time and we hope by the time you receive this communication the amount of ice will be much lessened.

Yours respectfully,



Chairman.



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ED. SHEPPARD.

485 St. Catherine Street West,

*Montreal, March 1st., 1909.*

J. E. Gauthier, Esq.,

Secretary, Parks & Ferries Committee,

City Hall, C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of February 27th., informing me that the Parks & Ferries Committee at a meeting held on the 26th., ult., decided to urge the demolishing of the Ice Palace erected on Fletcher's Field.

I beg to state that we are at present demolishing the present structure and we hope by the end of the coming week to have most of it down to the ground and partially carted away. As probably you are aware we were demolishing the Palace the last week but found that it was in a dangerous condition for men to work at. However, we have taken other means whereby to bring down the structure and we hope that the Parks & Ferries Committee will have no further complaint to make.

Yours respectfully,

*E. Sheppard*  
Chairman.



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485 St. Catherine Street West,

*Montreal, February 1st., 1909.*

Ald. C. Robillard,

Chairman, Parks & Ferries Committee,

City Hall, C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the "Montreal Carnival of Winter Sports", we respectfully beg to apply to your Committee for the right to erect and install booths in the interior of the Ice Palace for the purpose of selling temperance refreshments during the 10 days of the Carnival.

We would also respectfully beg to ask you whether your Committee would not see that no permits are granted to promoters and others desirous of erecting booths and buildings for exhibiting all sorts of Fair attractions.

We feel that if this were done the beauty of the surroundings of the Palace would be spoiled.

Trusting that you and your Committee will give this application your immediate consideration and advise us of your decision at the earliest moment, and thanking you for your courteous interview of this morning, we have the honor to be sir,

Yours very faithfully,

"MONTREAL CARNIVAL OF WINTER SPORTS"

*E. Sheppard* Chairman.

*R. P. Doucet* Secretary.



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Jules Crepeau, Esq.,  
Assistant City Clerk,  
City Hall, C i t y.

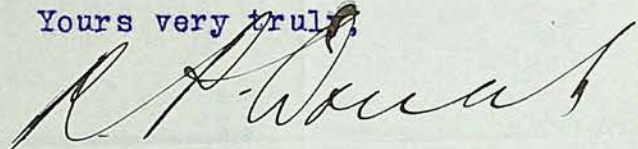
Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter addressed to Alderman Robillard, Chairman of Parks & Ferries Committee, in reference to our interview with him this morning.

I would take it as a great favor if you would kindly see that this application is put before Alderman Robillard at the earliest moment.

Thanking you in anticipation, believe me,

Yours very truly,



Secretary.



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485 St. Catherine Street West,

*Montreal, January 21st 1909*

J. E. Gauthier, Esq.,

Secretary, Parks & Ferries Committee,

City Hall, Montreal,


Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of the 19th instant, in answer to yours of the 18th. I am instructed by my Executive to inform you that they will absolutely guarantee to remove the Ice Palace that is being erected on Fletcher's Field, and to put the grounds in the condition that we received them.

In so far as complying with your request that we take out an accident insurance policy in favor of the city for the sum of \$20,000, I have to inform you that we have made all possible inquiries from the Insurance Companies doing business here, and it seems impossible to find one that will undertake what you demand. We hope, however, to hear further tomorrow, and if we get this policy we shall comply with your demand.

Trusting that this will be considered satisfactory by the Parks & Ferries Committee, I am,

Yours very truly





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485 St. Catherine Street West,

*Montreal, January 19th - 1909.*

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Secretary, Park & Ferries Committee,

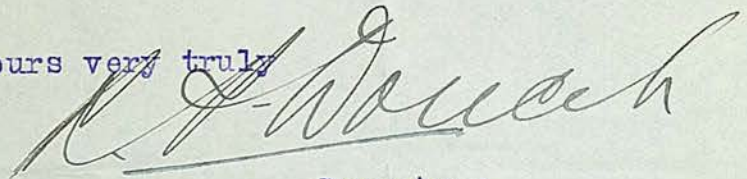
City Hall, Montreal,

Dear Sir,

I am today in receipt of your favor of the 18th instant, and note contents.

We shall immediately lay this matter before our Executive Committee, and communicate with you tomorrow regarding same.

Yours very truly



Secretary





*Hôtel de Ville*

*copie*

*Montréal* 18 janvier 1909. 19

BUREAU DU GREFFIER DE LA CITÉ.

Monsieur R.P. Doucet, Secrétaire,  
Comité du Carnaval,  
Chambre 25a, Edifice Inglis,  
485, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest,  
Montréal.

Monsieur le Secrétaire,

J'ai reçu instruction d'informer le Comité du Carnaval qu'il devra, avant de procéder à la construction du Palais de glace sur le champ Fletcher, déposer entre les mains du Trésorier de la Cité une somme de \$500. en garantie de la démolition dudit palais de glace et de la remise en parfait état, à la satisfaction de la Commission des Parcs et Traverses, du terrain sur lequel ledit palais sera érigé, aussitôt que le carnaval aura pris fin.

*S.F.C.*  
Le Comité du Carnaval est aussi enjoint de prendre immédiatement et de remettre entre les mains dudit Trésorier de la Cité une police d'assurance contre les accidents, au montant de \$20,000., en faveur de la Cité de Montréal, cette police devant protéger ladite Cité contre toutes réclamations en dommages pouvant résulter de la construction, du maintien et de la démolition du palais de glace, du lancement de pièces pyrotechniques et généralement de tout ce qui se rapportera à la célébration des fêtes du carnaval.

Il est de plus expressément entendu que le privilège accordé audit Comité du Carnaval, le 30 décembre dernier (1908), sera retiré, si



Hôtel de Ville

Montréal 18 janvier 1909. 19



BUREAU DU GREFFIER DE LA CITÉ.

ce dernier ne se conforme pas en tous points aux conditions ci-haut édictées.

Votre bien dévoué,

(Signé) J. E. Gauthier,

Secrétaire de la Commission des Parcs et Traverses

*[Faint handwritten notes on the left margin]*



Lettre au Comité du  
Carnaval re dépôt et  
Assurance

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BUREAU DE L'INSPECTEUR DES BÂTIMENTS.



*Hotel de Ville*

*Montréal*, le 16 Janvier, 1909, XX

Monsieur Clément Robillard, Echevin,

Président de la Commission des Parcs et Traverses,

Hotel de Ville.

Monsieur,

En examinant les plans du Palais de Glace qui doit être érigé sur la Ferme Fletcher, j'ai constaté que la plus haute tour s'élèvera à cent-trente pieds de hauteur et qui pourrait y avoir du danger s'il y avait du dégel ou si le Palais et son enceinte ne sont pas démolis immédiatement après le Carnaval, cet endroit est très fréquenté en hiver par des enfants, permettez-moi de suggérer humblement à votre Commission qu'il serait désirable pour protéger la Cité contre les réclamations en dommages, s'il arrivait des accidents ou si on ne démolissait pas immédiatement le Palais et les murs, de demander au Comité du Carnaval un Dépot pour couvrir ces frais ou dommages.

Respectueusement soumis,

*Alfred Chausse*

Inspecteur des Bâtimens.



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# REPORT

FROM THE

Parks & Ferries Committee

To grant permission to Carnival Committee to use Fletcher's Field.

Presented 9 Dec 19 08

Adopted same day 19

Entered vol. C.C. 6 page 18

and page 626 of vol. 14 of reports



EXTRACT from the Minutes of the City Council of Montreal, Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th December 1908.

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Submitted and read the following report of the Parks & Ferries Committee to allow the Carnival Committee to use Fletcher's Field.

The Parks & Ferries Committee  
respectfully report

That, as directed by the Council, they have considered the annexed letter from the Montreal Carnival of Winter Sports asking for permission to use Fletcher's Field for holding the main portion of the Carnival and for erecting the Ice Palace;

Your Committee, after due deliberation, recommend that said request be complied with, under the control of the Parks & Ferries Committee.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Montreal, 18th December 1908.

(Signed) C. Robillard,  
Wm. E. Mount,  
B. Major,  
L. H. Stearns.

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On motion of Ald. Robillard,  
Seconded by Ald. Major, it was

RESOLVED :- That said report be received and adopted.

(Certified)

*L. O. David*  
City Clerk.

*David*



Le Comité des  
Carnavals

Le Comité des Carnavals a l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint le programme des fêtes qui auront lieu pendant le carnaval de l'année prochaine. Ce programme est le résultat de nos délibérations et nous espérons qu'il vous paraîtra satisfaisant. Nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de notre haute considération.

Le Président,  
Monsieur [Nom],  
[Adresse]

Le Secrétaire,  
Monsieur [Nom],  
[Adresse]

Le Trésorier,  
Monsieur [Nom],  
[Adresse]

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Monsieur [Nom]

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# TO THE CITY OF MONTREAL



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*E. Major*  
*J. N. Stearns*



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485 St. Catherine Street West,

ED. SHEPPARD, Chairman.

E. H. BROWN, Treasurer.

R. P. DOUCET, Secretary.

*Montreal, Dec. 15th., 1908.*

His Worship,

Louis A. Payette, Legion of Honor,

Mayor of Montreal, Montreal.

Your Worship:-

## MONTREAL CARNIVAL OF WINTER SPORTS.

I am instructed by our Executive Committee to respectfully bring to your attention the fact that the Corporation of the City of Montreal are this winter using a large portion of Fletcher's Field as a dumping ground for the snow carted from the main streets of the city.

You will, I think, recollect that the Carnival Committee, when granted an interview by you the other day, expressed the desire of being allowed to use Fletcher's Field as a proper site for holding the main portion of the Carnival and for erecting the Ice Palace.

This Field, to our mind, is the most suitable for many reasons, viz.,

1st - It is centrally located, being practically mid-way between the Eastern and Western Sections of the city.

2nd:- It is easily get-atable and has a very good electric tram service.

3rd:- From a picturesque point of view it cannot, we think, be



surpassed in Montreal, especially as the site we wish to select lies on the sloping ground near the Incline Railway. Back of this site is the Mountain, which with all its trees and other advantages, would tend to beautify the palace, which we intend to erect.

Our Executive pray that your Worship will immediately use your best endeavors to have the dumping of the snow on Fletcher's Field, or at least at the present spot being used, put a stop to, otherwise it will tend to make the locality most unsightly and one that we would not care to have our visitors see, who will certainly come from all over America.

Trusting that you will give this letter of ours your usual careful consideration, and hoping to be informed that this request is granted, I have the honor to be,

Your very humble and obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

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Annual Review of  
Winter Sports for the  
use of Fletcher's Club, etc.

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Presented to Council 17 Dec 1908  
Présenté au Conseil

Referred to Parks & Ferries  
Renvoyé à



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The Chairman,

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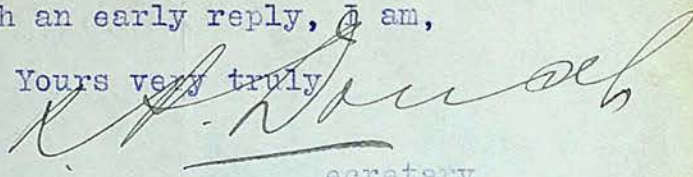
Dear Sir,

As you are aware it has been decided to hold in Montreal this winter from February 10th to 20th, a Carnival of Winter Sports. It is the intention of the Executive to erect an Ice Palace or Fort, and it is thought that the most advantageous site for this palace is on Fletcher's Field. The reasons of this being that it is centrally located between the East and West sections of the city, and also being south of a large residential district, viz: the Annex and northern suburbs.

Will you kindly let me know whether we can have your authority to make use of this public ground for the purpose of erecting an Ice palace, also whether we can have during the winter months the use of any other squares or public play grounds for the Winter Carnival.

Trusting to be favored with an early reply, I am,

Yours very truly



Secretary