

PARC MONT-ROYAL, Améliorations demandées.
Terrains de jeux, etc.

1890 On demande l'aménagement de la ferme Fletcher en
1909 parc public, ainsi que la création de terrains
 de jeux.

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MONTREAL.

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THE MACDONALD PHYSICS BUILDING.

April 26th 1906

To
His Worship Mayor H.A. Ekers
City Hall
Montreal

Your Worship:-

May I solicit your attention to a matter which has been my desire to bring before the proper authorities for some time:

I have been a resident of Pine Ave, near Fletcher's Field, for nearly two years and I have observed the need of that district, which is growing rapidly, for a suitable open space or park, where quiet people and the women and children may take the fresh air. I have observed that such people are practically ruled off from the field on account of the practice of allowing all classes of rough games to be played there.

I consider that it is a positive danger to allow children on the field during such time. Having two children of my own I realise the danger and find that they are barred from using the field the greater part of the time.

I would suggest that some effort be made to keep the rough games to the East of Park Ave., or better on the ample open space provided on the upper level near Mount Royal Ave.

Fletcher's Field is the only breathing space to my knowledge West of St. Louis Square, North of Phillips Square and East of Guy St., that can be enjoyed by the women and children during the day, and I regard it as a pity to have it monopolized by a few rough men and boys.

The increased use of the field by those playing rough games may be seen by the wearing off of the grass which is spreading to a great extent in large bare patches exposed to view.

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That other residents of the district feel the same as I do in the *matter*,
I am sure of, and I shall be glad to send you the opinion of others
if you deem it necessary.

If you can do anything in this matter for the increasing number of
residents of the Park Ave district you will be conferring a great
boon.

In any case I thank your Worship for a consideration of this letter
and believe me to be,

most respectfully yours

H. T. Barnes

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H. J. Barnes
asking that a certain
portion of Flatbush
field be not used
as a playground.

26 April 1906

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not cut

Society for the Protection of Women and Children.

693 DORCHESTER ST.,

S. Carsley,
W. D. STROUD, PRESIDENT,
G. M. MARSHALL, SECY.

Montreal, 26th June 1890.

Your Worship,

The Acting Mayor
Montreal,

Your Worship,

At our regular meeting the other day of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, it was stated that the nurses who go to Fletcher's Field with their perambulators are not at all free from the ribald jokes and unsought company of men and youths, who

• who interfere with them while fulfilling their duties.

It seems that you have an officer there, ~~but~~ who will not exercise his authority to stop such lazy loafers on the grounds. Not only so, but this so-called official disdains, we are informed, to wear even the uniform as evidence of his authority.

Sir, knowing your well-known faithfulness as a representative of your fellow-citizens' interests, we earnestly hope that you will deal promptly
with

with this matter,

If one man, who will not do his duty, cannot, then get two. Your Park-ranger cannot do it, this we know.

In name of the Committee,
Yours respectfully,

Charles Alexander
1st Vice President

Geo. Marshall
Secretary

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A. P. W. & others
for better protection
persons' good

PETITION OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTREAL. ~~James L. Brown~~

The Playground Committee of the Parks and Playground Association beg earnestly to petition the City Council that in any plan accepted by them for the laying out of Fletcher's Field, the first consideration shall be given to preserving the playgrounds of every kind for which this piece of ground is peculiarly suited.

They beg most heartily to support the proposals they believe are now before the Council for the laying out and embellishment of this ground, understanding that they satisfy three fundamental requirements:-

1. The provision of playgrounds for citizens of all ages, both little children, youths and men.

11. The playgrounds for little children to be apart, and protected from the danger of balls, with ample shade and some shallow water.

111. The larger playgrounds to be surrounded with shrubbery and trees, so as to diminish the noise and beautify the general appearance of this large open space.

Understanding that some opposition to the playing of large games has arisen from proprietors having houses on one side of the field, they would represent;-

1. That the playgrounds existed before the houses were built, and that proprietors took their risks in so building.

11. That playgrounds for large games are substitutes for the saloon, meet a wholesome and natural need and tend to diminish crime.

111. That Fletcher's Field is the only ground for large games, serving the Centre and West of the City, Lafontaine Park serving the East end.

IV. That it rests with the City to see that order is kept on such grounds and that they become, as they should, valuable training ground for good citizenship.

Signed on behalf of The Playgrounds Committee

J. J. Dreyer

April 23rd 1908

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Return of

Playgrounds Committee
asking for the embellishment
of Fletcher's Field

Presented to Council 27 April 1908
Présenté au Conseil

Referred to Parks & Ferries
Renvoyé à

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTREAL.
SESSION OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE



City Hall

Montreal Mai le 21 mai 1909 19

M. le président,
MM. les Membres de la Commission des Parcs.

Messieurs;—

J'ai l'honneur de prier la Commission des Parcs de bien vouloir faire placer des écriteaux sur la ferme Fletcher, entre l'avenue Duluth et la rue Rachel, défendant aux clubs quelconques de venir jouer à la balle à cet endroit.

Les enfants n'ont pas de place sur la ferme Fletcher pour se délasser et il serait urgent de leur accorder cet espace pour leurs amusements, les adolescents et les adultes ont déjà suffisamment de place pour leurs divers jeux.

Actuellement les enfants n'ont que la rue et le trottoir à leur disposition.

Votre dévoué.,

Votre dévoué.,

O. Compagnon
Chef de Police.

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J. Campeau

re Ferme
Fletcher

21 mai 1909

CARTER, GALBRAITH & Co.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
 AND
TEA IMPORTERS,

S. J. CARTER & CO.

MONTREAL, 31 March 1908

Alfred Robillard

*Chairman of the Committee
 City Hall*

My dear Sir

The Enclond letter was mailed to me possibly in error.

*Truly yours,
 S. J. Carter*

166 Villeneuve Avenue.

March 28th 1908.

Chairman of Parks Committee

City Hall

City.

My Dear Sir:-

We have in Montreal one of the finest parks in the world so far as situation and natural features are concerned.

There are one or two things, so far as that portion called Fletchers Field is concerned, that should not be allowed in a city like Montreal.

One is the side-walk between Pine Ave and Mount Royal Ave. All last season it was in a disgraceful condition, I wondered that the city did not have a dozen suits for broken legs or sprained joints, as the sidewalk was positively dangerous all summer. Part of the way it is over a gully and if one should step off he would go down a couple of feet in some places, in others the planks were rotten and loose and the favorite way of mending the walk was to fill up the hole with ashes. and part of the way there is no walk at all so when it is wet weather the walk soon becomes muddy.

On Sundays, holidays and nice afternoons and evenings there are literally thousands of people who go up there to get the cool air and take in the magnificent view, but the walk is hardly a yard wide, so narrow that two walking together cannot pass another without one of them dropping behind. Many more, no doubt, would take this beautiful promenade if there was a proper walk there.

On the east side of the park where there are very few pedestrians there is not only a good stone sidewalk on the east side of Esplanade Ave. but a good crushed stone walk at least ten or twelve feet wide. but at Park Ave there is a sidewalk only on one side of the street ^{and that} ~~but~~ the miserable one I have described.

It needs there a stone or granolithic walk at least 12 feet wide, as the crushed stone soon grinds up and then it is almost as bad as mud. There is a little of such now in front of the Elevator and on wet days it is already a nuisance.

Then, again. the Park should not be made a dumping ground for the snow in the winter. Last year the snow was not all melted till the first of July, and as the pile is larger this spring it is likely to be still longer, and while it is ^{there} it makes the ground wet and is a very unsightly object for all beholders and especially for visitors to the Mountain by the way of the Elevator or the drive-way.

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Believing that the real state of things only needs to be called to your attention to be remedied

I am Yours Very Truly.

Seth P. Lee

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597 Geo. P. Herb

J. WIDMER NELLES,
R. CAMPBELL NELLES.

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CARRIAGE CLOTHS, CARPETS, SILK, MOHAIR AND
WORSTED PLUSHES, MOQUETTES, FURNITURE
COVERINGS, CORDUROYS, VELVETEENS, CHAMOIS,
GENUINE MOROCCO LEATHER.

MONTREAL, May 10, 1907

Mr. J. W. N.

Chairman Park Committee,
City Hall,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Dont you think it would be a good idea to Terrace the Eastern
Portion of Fletcher's Field from Duluth Ave., to Pine Ave., so as to
make three level or comparatively level Plateaus where the boys can play.
The way it is at present it is hardly good for anything except to furnish
fresh air in the ^{but} summer at this season ^{from} when the road Department dumps
the snow there it is very unpleasant. *And Dumping place are scarce.*

The Terraces suggested could be done by the Road Department
from their street scrapings. *And need not cost a Cent.*

Thanking you in anticipation of giving this your usual Courteous
attention.

*Yours truly
J Widmer Nelles*

attention.

Thanking you in anticipation of giving you a most useful conference from their street surroundings.

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There are in the summer of this season when the Road Department dumps

the dirt as at present it is hardly good for anything except to furnish

the dirt level on comparatively level places where they can dig.

There is a level of Blatchford, held from DuRoi Ave., to Pine Ave., and as to

Don't you think it would be a good idea to Terrace the Parkway

MONTREAL.

CITY HALL,

CRISTIAN PARK COMMITTEE,

2165
W. Heller
improvement
Blatchford

10 May 1907

ORGANIZING MEMBERS:

WALTER G. GORDON, TREASURER.

WALTER GORDON, SECRETARY.

WALTER GORDON, PRESIDENT.

WALTER GORDON, VICE-PRESIDENT.

WALTER GORDON, MEMBER.

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WALTER GORDON

MR. J. H. W.

MONTREAL, MAY 10, 1907

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Montreal Women's
Club. ^{re} improvements
on Fletcher's Field.

29 May 1900

To the

Chairman and Members of the
Parks Committee of the City of Montreal.

Gentlemen:-

The Montreal Women's Club beg to state that their official committee have visited that portion of the Park referred to in their recent interview with you and would suggest that the portion of the Park situated East of the car track and North of Pine Avenue, as far as the bend in the hospital wall, be arranged as a play ground for children;

That the grass be cut and the debris removed from about the natural spring which runs close to the wall and is now partially blocked by an accumulation of tins, garbage etc.;

That, for purposes of safety, a wire fence, about five feet in height, be placed on the Pine Avenue side within the line of telegraph poles as far up as Duluth Avenue, thus leaving the natural path, which has been formed, still open to the public: trees might be planted close to the fence - Sumach, possibly, as they grow so rapidly - and, when they are sufficiently grown, the fence could be removed.

We, the Montreal Women's Club, shall be glad to aid the Parks Committee in providing an artistic shelter from sun and rain and in placing sandhills, seats, flower plots etc. for the comfort and entertainment of the children of the City.

Trusting that your Committee will find it possible to accept our assistance in this matter of public interest,

We have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,

Eliza A. Reid.

President

Sarah Lovell

1st Vice President

Marguerite Macnaughton

Cor. Secretary

Emily Francis

per Mary A. Barnes.

May 29th 1900.

285 Stanley Street.

Montreal.

May 7, 1900.

Dear Sirs;-

The Parks and Playgrounds Association, recently formed to continue the work of the Park Protection Association, beg to lay before the Parks and Ferries Committee of the City Council an earnest protest against the amendment to clause 546 which was irregularly inserted at the last moment among the amendments to the new City Charter. They consider that such an attempt on the part of an unauthorised individual to frustrate the desire of the citizens reflects on the authority of the legal representatives of the City, and should be resisted by the popular opinion which has so clearly declared in favour of keeping inviolate the present open spaces of the City.

They desire to say that their Association has been formed for the purpose of embodying and developing this sentiment; and they most earnestly petition the Parks and Ferries Committee to protect the interests of the public in this matter.

They would most respectfully suggest that the open space of Fletcher's Field, which it has been proposed to confiscate, should be put in order, planted and arranged as a public park and playground, with a part of the funds lately designated for use on Fletcher's Field. This piece of ground both commands the principal entrance into the city, and is also the nearest open space available for a playground for those who are not strong enough to go far. Both these considerations point to its being carefully preserved by the city for such purposes, and suitably decorated and arranged on a general plan. Such a plan is no doubt in the minds of those who are charged with the general oversight of our Parks and approaches, and who will look not merely to the present, but to the not far distant day when the city will be thickly built up around the mountain, and contain a population of over 2 million persons.

The plan adopted by the late Mr Olmsted of New York in laying out Mount Royal Park, by which the natural wildness of the mountain has been

interfered with as little as possible, calls for the admiration of all who visit it. The Parks and Playgrounds Association would respectfully remind the Park Committee that Mr Todd, Mr Olmsted's partner, is now settled in Montreal, and might be a most valuable adviser in continuing for Fletcher's Field the plans which have been so successful on the Mountain.

We are , Sirs,

Faithfully yours

Lisa Peterson,
President.

Edith J. Matt.
— " — Sec.

The Parks ⁶⁸⁸ & play grounds
Association demandent
des ameliorations sur
la ferme d'Etter.

7 May 1900

on the table

To the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Montreal.

Gentlemen:-

The petition of the MONTREAL WOMENS CLUB
respectfully represents:

1. THAT the Mount Royal Park should be jealously preserved for public use and that the alienation of any portion of it ought not to be permitted;
2. THAT those portions of the said Park that are adapted for playgrounds should, in the public interest, be put in proper condition, and would respectfully direct the attention of the City Council and Park Committee to this important matter.

We have the honour to be,

S i r s,

Your obedient servants,

Eliza A. Beiel,
President.

Sarah Lowell First Vice-President

Annie W. Brown 2nd Vice "

Emily J. Francis,
Cor. Sec.

Petition 676

Wanted Women Club
asking that the park
be preserved

To the Mayor and Aldermen

of the City of Montreal.

Received:-

Presented to Council 2 April 1900
Présenté au Conseil

Referred to
Renvoyé à

P. P. Carr

on the table

This important matter.

We have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Yours obedient servants,

1902

No. 268

POLICE COMMITTEE

MONTREAL

From *Park & Ferries*
Committee

Subject: *Letter from Citizens*
League Re: Sale of Park
des on the mountain
on Sunday.

Presented to Com. *10th Sept* 1902

Referred to *Park & Ferries Committee.*

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EXTRAIT

Des Minutes d'une Assemblée de la Commission
des Parcs & Promenades
Tenue le 31 Juillet 1902.

Remise & lue une lettre
de la Ligue des Citoyens
au sujet de la vente d'articles
de fantaisie, de bijouterie le
Dimanche sur le Parc Mont-
Royal.

Remise à la Commission
de Police.



Certifié
D. J. P.
Sec. Com. des P. & J.

EXTRAIT

Des Minutes d'une Assemblée du

COMITÉ DE POLICE

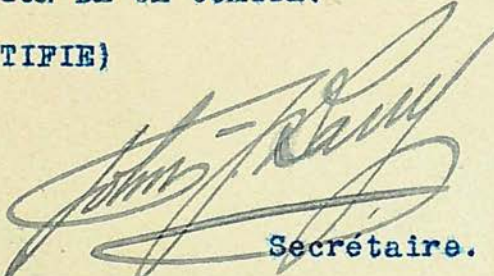
Tenue le 10 septembre, 1902. 190

Une résolution du Comité des Parcs et Traverses renvoyant au Comité de Police une lettre de la Ligue des Citoyens au sujet de la vente d'articles de fantaisie et de bijouterie, le dimanche, au Parc Mont-Royal fut soumise et lue

Il fut

RESOLU DE REFERER DE NOUVEAU, CETTE QUESTION, AU COMITE DES PARCS ET TRAVERSESES, VU QUE LE PARC MONT-ROYAL EST SOUS LA JURIDICTION DE CE COMITE.

(CERTIFIE)



Secrétaire.

M. le Président,

MM. les Membres du Comité des Parcs et Traverses
Montréal.

EXECUTIVE for 1902:

S. J. PHILLIPS,	PRESIDENT.
W. J. D. ROLLAND, ✓	} VICE-PRESIDENTS.
EDGAR JUDGE,	
J. CRADDOCK SIMPSON,	HON. TREASURER.
HENRY TIMMIS,	} SECRETARY, [P.O. BOX 2263].



CITIZENS' LEAGUE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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D. A. WATT,	

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30 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER ST,

Montreal, 30 July - 02.

*The Secretary
Parks & Fairs Committee.
City*

Dear Sirs -

Referring to my letter regarding the sale of jewellery and fancy articles in the Park on Sundays, I am informed this practice continues unabated. Be good enough to bring the matter to the attention of your Committee and advise me.

*Yours faithfully
Henry Timmis
Secretary.*