

ATWATER, Avenue

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ATWATER, Avenue

Cette voie fut ouverte sur le territoire de l'ancienne Ferme Saint-Gabriel appartenant aux Messieurs de Saint-Sulpice.

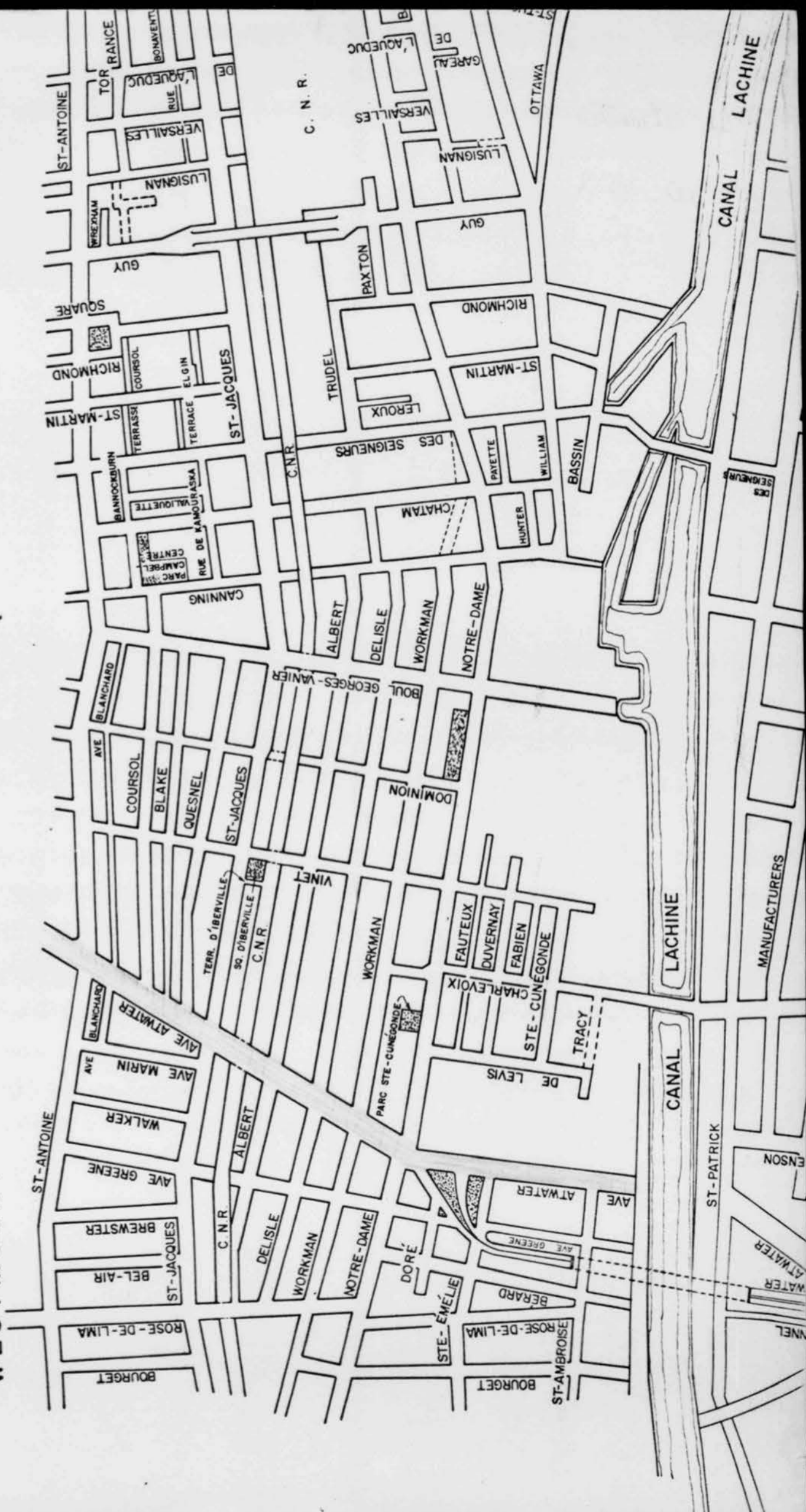
Voir plan préparé par la division des Archives municipales de Montréal le 7 mars 1949 et intitulé:

"VERS 1850"

"Délimitation du territoire couvert vers 1850 par la Ferme de la Pointe Saint-Charles, la Ferme Saint-Gabriel, la Ferme Gregory, la Propriété Benjamin Brewster, la Propriété Robert Knox."

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WESTMOUNT



E X T R A C T

from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council of Montreal held on Tuesday, 12th September 1871.

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submitted and read the following Report from the Water committee for leave to change the name of the Pipe Track Avenue to Atwater avenue.

REPORT

To His Worship the Mayor, the Aldermen and
Citizens of the City of Montreal,

THE WATER COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY REPORT:

That it has occurred to them that a more appropriate and becoming name, should be given to the avenue leading from Brewsters' Bridge on St. Joseph Street to Ste-Catherine Street and now known, as "Pipe Track Avenue".

Your Committee therefore recommend that the said avenue be henceforth designated and known as "Atwater Avenue".

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted,

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Montreal, 2nd July 1871

(Signed) J. W. McGauvran,
" W. Masterman,
" F.-X. St-Charles,
" B. Bastien.

On motion of Councillor McGauvran
Seconded by Councillor St-Charles, it was

RESOLVED: That the said report be adopted.

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AVENUE ATWATER

Le 12 septembre 1871, le Conseil municipal de Montréal sur la recommandation de la Commission de l'Aqueduc, changeait le nom de "Pipe Track avenue" en celui d'avenue Atwater.

Vraisemblablement cette voie rappelle le nom de M. Edwin Atwater, échevin du quartier Saint-Antoine de 1850 à 1857 et président de la Commission de l'Aqueduc entre les années 1851 et 1857.

L'avenue Atwater s'étend des limites de la ville de Verdun jusqu'à la rue McGregor, en 1949.

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Ex: The Canadian Engineer, 1896.

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"Atwater avenue, into which the main was laid when opened
"as a street was appropriately named after Mr. Atwater, the
"Chairman of Water Committee during the construction of the
"new works and the able and untiring leader in the Council
"in all measures for the carrying out of the enterprise."

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OURTOWN

By Al Palmor

Name Game

Ahuntsic is a name that crops up quite often when Ourtowners talk of their town, which they do at every possible opportunity, it seems.

It is a district on the banks of Riviere de Prairies, Back River if you wish, and before it was annexed to the City of Montreal on June 4, 1910, it was a village. Time was, before Jan. 21, 1897, the village was known as Back River.

The reason we got onto this subject this morning is simply that a reader asked: "Who or what was Ahuntsic?"

So we dug into the City of Montreal's extensive history of street names put out by Aime Desautels, Arch., and the City Planning Department, and came up with this information:

"Ahuntsic was the name of a young Huron who drowned, with the Recollect Nicolas Vien, in 1625, in the rapides of des Prairies River, rapids which afterwards were called The Sault-au-Recollets. Historians assert it was Ahuntsic's fellow tribesmen who caused these drownings."

And did you know that The Forum is located on what was once known as Pipe Track Avenue? The name was changed (thank goodness) before 1871 to Atwater.

Atwater Served On Council

It was named for Edwin Atwater, representative of the former St. Antoine Ward on the Municipal Council of Montreal from 1850 to 1857 (nowadays Saint Andrew Ward, where part of this thoroughfare is located — or has that been changed too?)

Strange as it may seem Beaconsfield Ave. was named for Disraeli. It says here: "Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield (1804-1881), novelist and statesman. He became Prime Minister of England in 1874, and three years later he proclaimed Victoria Empress of India."

Previously, that is until 1911, it was Osborne Ave.

How Belmont St. got its name remains a bit of a mystery, really. It was transferred to the City of Montreal on Nov. 21, 1843, under the name "Bellemont" without explanation.

There are some who maintain that this name was given in honor of Francois Vachon



(Cartoon by Collins)

de Belmont (1643-1732), Superior of the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice de Montreal from 1701 to 1727.

Cavendish Blvd., often in the news because of traffic headaches, was named for a gent who had no traffic problems at all. He had other problems.

He was Frederick Charles, Lord Cavendish (1836-1882), English statesman, Secretary of State for Ireland, who was murdered in Dublin. The street was formerly known as King George.

When the city opened a street through his farm in 1887, William Darling gave his name to the street and it has since been known as Darling St. and that sounds reasonable enough, doesn't it?

There is a bit of a romance attached to Drummond St. John Redpath, municipal councillor from 1840 to 1843 and proprietor of lots on this street, gave this name in honor of his wife, born Jane Drummond.



Vi' de Montréal

**Extrait authentique du procès-verbal
d'une séance du Comité exécutif
tenue le 13 septembre 1989**

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Sur recommandation du directeur du Service de l'habitation et du développement urbain, il est

RÉSOLU:

- 1.- d'approuver la liste des noms de voies de Montréal annexée au rapport du directeur du Service de l'habitation et du développement urbain en date du 11 août 1989;
- 2.- de mandater le greffier de la Ville à l'effet de transmettre ladite liste à la Commission de toponymie du Québec en vue de l'officialisation.

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Le greffier de la Ville,

Léon Laberge

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