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### The history behind the familiar

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### The history behind the familiar: A glimpse at Metcalfe Avenue during the turn of the century – part 2

Here's the second part of our walk that begins at the junction of Metcalfe Avenue and Hillside Lane and continues where the street intersects Cote St. Antoine:



257 Metcalfe

**255 Metcalfe**

George H. Wood, architect, Hutchison & Wood – 1894

“Alexander Cowper Hutchison, architect (b at Montréal 2 Apr 1838; d there 1 Jan 1922). One of Victorian Montréal’s most prolific and prestigious architects, he epitomized the generation of native-born, self-taught men who shaped the city during the second half of the 19th century. Trained as a stonemason, he supervised the cut-stone work on Montréal’s Christ Church Cathedral and the East Block of the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, before establishing a private practice in Montréal shortly after 1865. The firm was known until 1890 as Hutchison and Steele, thereafter as Hutchison and Wood.”

*The Canadian Encyclopedia*

**257 Metcalfe**

C. P. Simpson, clerk – 1894

J. Cradock Simpson, estate agent – 1894



309 Metcalfe

**259 Metcalfe**

John McGill, very reverend – 1894

G. F. Johnston, reverend – 1902

**309 Metcalfe (Former Civic Number)**

Edmund McMahon, coroner – 1894



Ad for the opening of Ogilvy's

“Edmond McMahon, Coroner of Montreal and Magistrate of Westmount, was born in Sainte-Rose, Laval County, on October 18, 1852, of the marriage of Félix McMahon, physician, and Angèle Plessis Bélair, daughter of Léon Plessis Bélair. He did his classical studies at Ste-Thérèse College, and later at the College of Montreal. Upon graduating from college, he was appointed Deputy Clerk of Peace and was admitted to the bar of the Province of Quebec. Three years later, in May, he was appointed Deputy Clerk of Peace, in charge of the Montreal Police Magistrates’ Office. He was appointed Coroner of Montreal in 1882 and Magistrate of the City of Westmount in 1891. A writer, he contributed to several magazines and was notably, in 1880, editor-in-chief of the Album Musical. A musician, he was for many years choirmaster at Notre-Dame de Montréal and at the Basilica.”  
*Biographies canadiennes-françaises, 1925*

William Fullerton, J. A. Ogilvy & Sons – 1902  
Currently owned by the Selfridges Group Ltd.

**315 Metcalfe**

George Sulley, manager – 1894



333 Metcalfe

**316 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

William C. Jarvis, bookkeeper – 1894

**325 Metcalfe**

J. M. Henderson, bookkeeper – 1894

**333 Metcalfe**

Thomas Brady, editor – 1894



**338 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

William Hill, Hill & Forbes – 1894

William Hill, paint, oil and varnish merchant – 1902

**341 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

J. A. Sheffield, superintendent – sleeping and dining car department C.P.R. – 1902



355 Metcalfe

**355 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

Robert Harvie, Brodie & Harvie – 1894

“Manufacturers of flour – particularly “self-raising” brands that “produce a light porous and very digestible bread, without the loss attendant on fermentation, which is greater than the additional cost of self-raising flour.”

*International Exhibition – 1876 – Reports and Awards, 1880*

**369 Metcalfe**

Alexander “AG” Cross, Cross & Brodie – 1902



374 Metcalfe

**374 Metcalfe**

H. H. Lang, Lang Manufacturing Company – 1902

“The Lang Manufacturing Co., Biscuits and Confectionary, St.. Monique Street, Montreal – this business had its origin in 1879 when it was established by Henry Steinson and others... These gentlemen... have succeeded... in building up and maintaining undoubtedly the largest trade in plain and fancy biscuits in Eastern Canada. They are also manufacturers of every description of every description of confectionary and do an immense business in this line as well.”

*Industries of Canada – City of Montreal – Leading Firms and Moneyed Institutions, 1886*

**377 Metcalfe**

K. M. Fenwick, reverend and professor – 1894



377 Metcalfe

**380 Metcalfe**

George MacBean, George MacBean & Son – 1902

“Grain and Produce Merchants – wholesale dealers in Wheat, Pease, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Hay, Straw,

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Flour, Oatmeal, Mill Stuffs, Seed Grain, Grass Seeds, &c. – No. 28 St. Sacramento Street, Montreal.”  
*A Chronology of Montreal and Canada from 1752-1893. F. Terrill, 1893*



380 Metcalfe

**384 Metcalfe**

Clogg Mrs. M. widower J. R. – 1902  
W. J. Clogg, J. R. Clogg & Company – 1902

“Commission merchants, Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Foreign and Canadian Fruits. 169 McGill Street and Bonsecours Market Montreal.”

*Industries of Canada – City of Montreal, 1886*

**387 Metcalfe (Former Civic Number)**

George Bockstael, tobacconist – 1894

**389 Metcalfe (Former Civic Number)**

R. Shewan, commercial traveller – 1894

**401 Metcalfe (Former Civic Number)**

A. J. Lawrence, Wells & Richardson Company – 1902



418 Metcalfe

“...Wells and Richardson Co. Ltd of Montreal (a marketing company) introduced Diamond Dye Mat and Rug Patterns in an early 1900s flyer... (the company) marketed 16 of their own pattern designs... They also had a United States operation in Connecticut.”

*Rug Art – Rescued from Oblivion, S. Conrod & H. Conrod*

**411 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

W. F. Heney, E. N. Heney & Company – 1902

Wholesale manufacturers of and dealers in harness, saddlery, saddlery hardware, fine carriages and carriage findings.

**413 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

William Davidson, Marit and Armstrong – 1902

Law firm.

**417 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

W. B. S. Reddy, Reddy & Reddy – 1902

Notaries.

**418 Metcalfe**

Beswick Mrs. R. widower T. – 1902

**419 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

J. Ronald, Elder, Dempster & Company – 1902

“Also known as the African Steamship Company, the firm entered into the Canadian trade by taking over some the Canadian routes of the Dominion Line...four years later the Beaver Line was purchased securing Liverpool



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to/from Canada routes. In 1903 Elder Dempster Sold its Beaver Line interests to C.P.R.”  
*Passenger and Merchant Ships of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern Railways, D. R. P. Guay*



430 Metcalfe

**424 Metcalfe**

H. Lawlor, collector – Canada Department of Inland revenue – 1902

**430 Metcalfe**

T. W. Winfield, reverend pastor, Melville Presbyterian Church – 1902

**431 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

W. A. Penfield – 1902

**437 Metcalfe** (Former Civic Number)

Albert Staunton – 1902

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