

Regina - Bank of Montreal

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Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 9:00 PM
To: '[Margaret Hryniuk](#)' ; '[Jackie Schmidt](#)'
Cc: '[Larry Easton](#)' ; [Tim Novak](#)
Subject: Bank of Montreal, Regina.

Hi Marg and Jackie:

Here is a building that I have not seen before – the 2nd Bank of Montreal – what a beauty! It was located where the Bank of Montreal has been since 1897 – the SW corner of Scarth and 11th Avenue. Alas, it burned down in 1905. Great way to celebrate the creation of the Province of Saskatchewan – special fireworks.

A definite potential candidate for a brick building book, eh Marg?

Maybe the Heritage Regina website should create a “Best of the Past” section for historic photos of some of Regina’s finest architecture. Alternately, a series of view of what has been built at the exact same location over the decades. I’d also love to see what is on that massive cornerstone – wonder what the Bank did with it after the fire?



Photograph

Bank of Montreal, Regina, SK, 1889

[William McFarlane Notman](#)

1889, 19th century

Silver salts on paper mounted on paper - Albumen process

18 x 23 cm

Purchase from Associated Screen News Ltd.

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City of Regina Archives – cornerstone detail

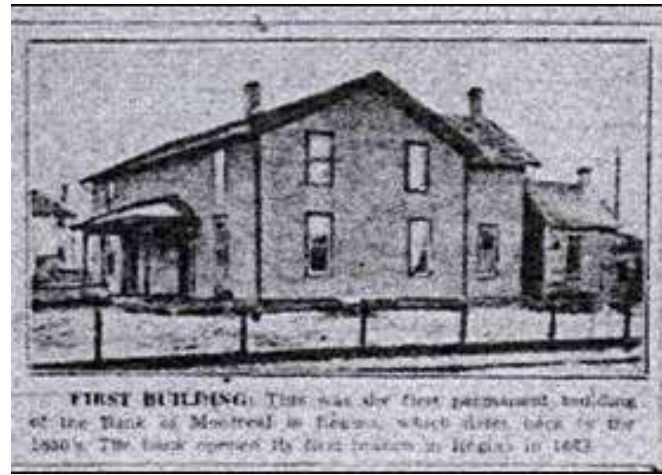
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Also: http://collections.musee-mccord.qc.ca/scripts/search_results.php?keywords=regina&Lang=1
19 and # 20 in the Regina series of the McCord collection.

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Here is the full series of Regina's downtown Bank of Montreal Buildings:

Building # 1:



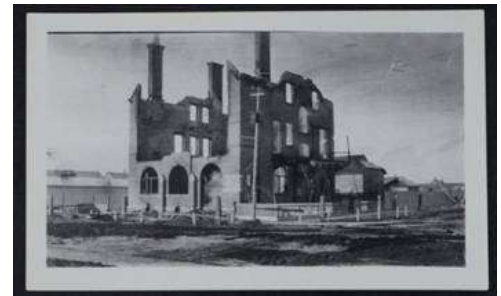
Bank # 1 – NW corner Lorne & Victoria – 1883-1891 - portable wooden building – fate unknown

Architect: **unknown** - building brought in from Chicago

Source: Earl G. Drake, *Regina, the Queen City*; 1955, p. 23.;

Left Photo: McCord Museum; Right photo: Regina Leader-Post 4 July, 1952, p. 11.

Building # 2



Bank # 2 - SW corner Scarth & 11th Avenue – 1891-1905 – 3 storey brick – burned

Architects: TAYLOR & GORDON (primarily Taylor) – brick building

REGINA, SASK., Bank of Montreal, Scarth Street at Eleventh Avenue, c. 1895 (C.A.B., ix, Nov. 1896, 174; S. Wagg, *Architecture of Andrew Thomas Taylor*, 2013, 90-1, illus.)

Sources: <http://www.dictionarofarchitectsincanada.org/node/1349>; *Regina Leader*: 25 Aug. 1891

Left Photo: McCord Museum; Sketch: *Regina Leader*: 25 Aug, 1891; Right Photo: Provincial Archives of Sask: R A-2749.

Building #3



Bank # 3: - SW corner Scarth & 11th Avenue – 1905-1950 – 2 storey brick & stone - demolished

Architect: William M. Dodd (also designed the Qu'Appelle, Regina and Calgary City Halls)

REGINA, SASK., Bank of Montreal, Scarth Street at Eleventh Avenue, 1905 (C.R., xvi, 28 June 1905, 2, t.c.)

Source: <http://www.dictionaryofarchitectsincanada.org/node/1641>

Building # 4



Bank # 4: - SW corner Scarth & 11th Avenue – 1950- 1982 – 2 storey stone and granite block - demolished

Architect: Moody and Moore, Winnipeg; H.K. Black, Regina (associate architect)

Sources: Prov. Archives of Sask.: Accession 2010-211, Box 2 of 36, TPCS - Heritage Branch Collection; Banks; Regina; Bank of Montreal, Sept. 1981, (Frank Korvemaker, photographer) – from original colour slide.

Building # 5



Bank # 5: - SW corner Scarth & 11th Avenue – 1983 – present – concrete/brick (?) & glass tower

Architect: **unknown**; erected by Dover Park Development Ltd.

Sources: <https://www.emporis.com/buildings/124722/bank-of-montreal-building-regina-canada> and Bank of Montreal Archives.

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