

The Great Fire of 1852 in Montreal

1852-07-08 – Incendie du faubourg Québec, 20% de la ville est en cendre



Destruction of the Hays House in Dalhousie Square, 1852.

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Montréal's first major fire started on Rue Sainte-Catherine near Rue Saint-Dominique.

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Map of buildings destroyed by fire, published in **La Minerve**, July 15, 1852.

The **Great Fire of 1852** was a fire in Montreal that began on July 8, 1852, and left as many as 10,000 people homeless (at a time when the city's population was only 57,000) and destroyed almost half of the city's housing. The fire occurred at a time when the city's recently constructed reservoir, located at the site of today's Saint-Louis Square, was drained and closed for repairs. The first fire broke out at a tavern on St. Lawrence Boulevard and spread quickly, fanned by strong winds and hot, dry summer weather.

The fire that started on St. Lawrence (street) originated from a wooden house, as was typical at the time. It spread from there to the block in between Saint Denis Street and Craig Street (now Saint Antoine Street).

The flames engulfed the Saint Jacques Cathedral, the hospital on Dorchester Street and the Theatre Royal. Within hours, one quarter of Montreal was destroyed.

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The Great Fire of 1852 in Montréal

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The regions and buildings affected during the Great Fire of July 8th, 1852 in Montréal:

Ancien Théâtre (Old Theatre) - Faubourg Québec – Hôtel Hayes - Jardin Viger – Molson Brewery - Place Dalhousie - Square Papineau – Square Saint-Louis - Amherst Street – Barclay Street – Brock Street - Campeau Street – Cartier Street (Gage) - Champlain Street (Saint-Adolphe) – Craig Street (Saint-Antoine today) - De Salaberry Street (Plessis today) - Dorchester Street (René-Levesque today) – Dorion Street (Shaw) - Gage Street (Cartier today) – Grant Street - Hôtel-de-Ville (Rue des Allemands) - Lacroix Street - Lagauchetière Street – Maisonneuve Street (Old Saint-Ignace Street) - Mignonne Street – Monarque Street - Notre-Dame Street – Plessis Street (De Salaberry) - Rue des Allemands (Hôtel-de-Ville) – Saint-Adolphe Street (Champlain) – Saint-Antoine (Craig) - Saint-Constant Street (Cadieux) – Saint-Denis Street - Saint-Dominique Street – Saint-Ignace Street (Maisonneuve) - Saint-Laurent Street – Saint-Nicolas Street (Jollent) - Saint Timothée Street (Saint-Nicolas) - Sainte-Catherine Street (St. Catherine Street) – Sainte-Elisabeth Street (St. Elizabeth Street) – Sainte-Marie Street (St. Mary Street) – Sanguinet Street – Shaw Street (Dorion Street) - Vitré Street – Voltigeur Street.

Following the fire of July 8th and 9th, temporary tents were raised to lodge the many thousands of families who had lost their houses. Said tents were erected at: Champ-de-Mars – Logan Farm – Pointe-Saint-Charles (Point St. Charles)

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