

Postcard

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Sepia postcard.

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Artiste / Auteur Sutcliffe, Harry S.

Date 1949 an

Medium and Support ink, cardboard

Technique genuine photo

Measurements 9 x 14 cm

Historical context

Harry Sutcliffe (1878-1942), a British-born Canadian photographer, took Montreal's monuments, buildings and parks as his subjects. He printed his own postcards, which he sold commercially. This postcard shows the lookout at Westmount Summit, on the southwest slope of Mount Royal, in the 1920s. Still accessible today, it provides a view of the Saint-Henri, Côte-Saint-Paul and Verdun districts. The Victoria Bridge can also be seen on the postcard, in the left background. The Westmount belvedere was popular with tourists, and booklets aimed at them suggested stopping here in their Sightseeing Tours section: the 1932 *Guide: Montreal and Quebec* mentions the exceptional view from this belvedere (a most picturesque sight) as part of a recommended tour of Westmount, and the 1945 *Montreal historic sightseeing guide* suggests stopping here on the way to St. Joseph's Oratory, as this photo illustrates.