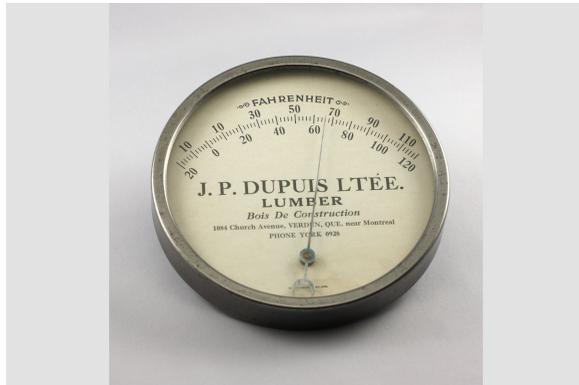


# Thermometer

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Round thermometer with needle for two temperature readings.

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Fabricant / Éditeur J. P. Dupuis, Ltd.

Materials metal

Measurements 2,5 cm

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## Historical context

This is a Fahrenheit thermometer from J. P. Dupuis ltée, a lumber and building materials company that sold wholesale and retail in Verdun. It also shows the company's address: 1084 Church Ave. There is no longer a hardware store at this location today. Joseph-Philippe Dupuis (1877-1953), from Saint-Chrysostome in Châteauguay County, moved to Verdun in 1910 and became a lumber and hardware merchant. He won the contract to decorate the interior of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs church (1913-1914). The hardware store grows and sells products other than wood. For example, it distributes BP (Building Products Limited) products. Other branches opened, including on Victoria Street in Lachine. In 1945, Dupuis expanded its commercial activities by incorporating Metropole Lumber Inc., which could now export and import wood products.

Rue de l'Église, in Verdun, is the first major street in the area. It was here that the first town hall, nicknamed Le Pavillon, was built. The second phase of industrialization and the shortage of housing due to the growing population stimulated the construction sector and the need for materials. Joseph-Philippe Dupuis played an undeniable role in Verdun's development. He also served as mayor between 1925 and 1929. In 1929, city councillors decided to subsidize (in part with the Quebec government) the construction of Christ-Roi Hospital, which opened in 1932. Rue Dupuis in Verdun was named in his honour.