

A Walk Down Stephen Avenue

Historical Walking Tour for Students

Student Guide



THE CITY OF
CALGARY

2003

1. CITY HALL

704 Macleod Trail S.E.

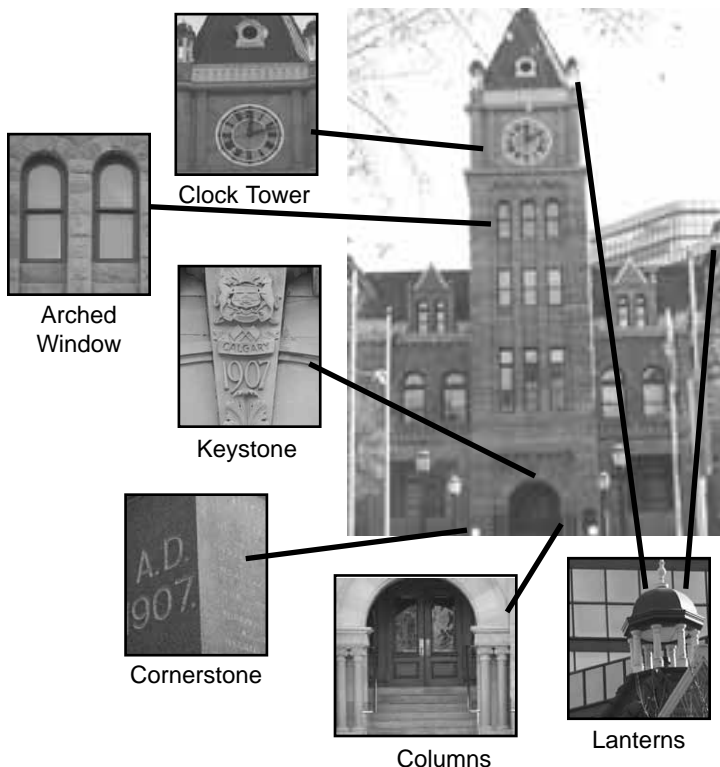
CONSTRUCTED: 1907 -1911

Was: City Hall

Today: Offices of the Mayor & Aldermen



Laying the cornerstone of City Hall -1907



Find two “plaques” that tell you about City Hall.



What year was it completed?



Look at the keystone and cornerstone. They both say 1907.



How many years did Calgarians have to wait before City Hall opened?

1. CITY HALL



Why do you think it took so long to complete?



Look at Historic City Hall and the newer Municipal Building next door.

Describe how they are the same and how they are different.



The Same



Different

2. THE BURNS BUILDING

237 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1911-1912

Was: Offices and a Butcher Shop

Today: Offices and a Restaurant



Cornice



Lion's Head



Glass / Iron
Canopy



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.



Look for the lion' heads.



How many lions' heads hold up the glass and iron canopy?

2. THE BURNS BUILDING

In 1980 the Burns Building was to be torn down to make room for the Performing Arts Centre. City Council voted and only one vote “*tipped the scales*” to save the building.



PRESERVE TEAR DOWN

If you were on City Council in 1980, list your reasons to save or tear down the building.

Reasons to Save



Reasons to Tear Down



3. THE CALGARY PUBLIC BUILDING

205 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1929 - 31

Was: Post Office & Federal Departments

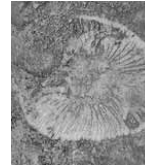
Today: Part of Centre for Performing Arts



Entablature



Ionic
Columns



Fossil



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

This building is made from **Limestone**. This white or light grey stone looks different from the golden tan Sandstone on the other buildings you will see on your tour.

When limestone is formed in the earth small water creatures get trapped. Their bodies decay but they leave a pattern behind in the rock. The pattern of their body shapes are called **fossils**.

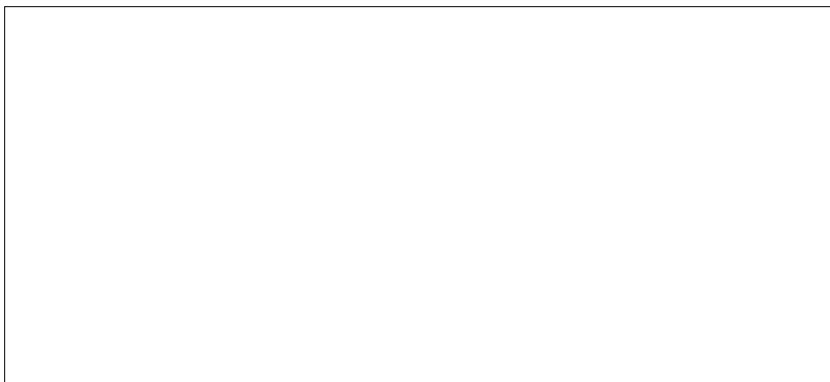
Here is an example of a fossil found on the outside wall.



Look for other fossils on the walls.



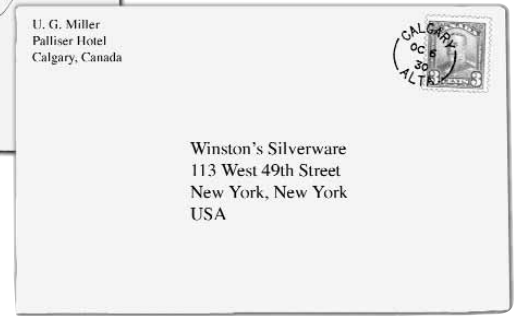
When you find one, draw its picture here.



3. THE CALGARY PUBLIC BUILDING

The Calgary Public Building was Calgary's Main Post Office.

When mail passed through the post office, they were "cancelled" so the stamp could not be reused. The cancellation tells you the city and date it passed through. We can follow a letter's journey from one place to another. In the 1930s, the 3¢ King George VI stamp was used. On special occasions the 50¢ Bluenose stamp was used. This stamp is one of the most valuable among stamp collectors.



How much does it cost today to mail a letter in Canada?



What Canadian coin features the bluenose ship?

4. THE DOMINION BANK

200 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1911

Was: Dominion Bank of Canada

Today: Restaurant



Mansard Roof



Entablature



Ionic Columns



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.



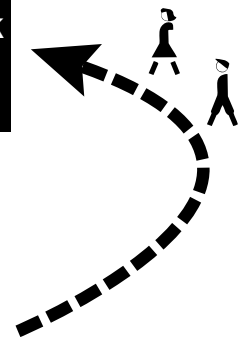
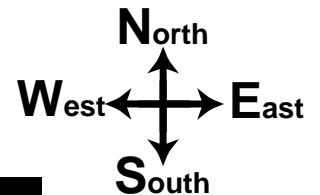
Look at the front and sides of this building.



Is the building the same all way around?



List 3 things you found on the east side.



4. THE DOMINION BANK

When the Dominion Bank was opened in 1911, this dollar bill was in the bank. The people shown on the dollar bill were the Earl and Countess of Grey. Earl Grey was the Governor General of Canada in 1911. You may have heard his name. He donated the Grey Cup to the Canadian Football League. There is also an Earl Grey School and a golf course named in Calgary.



In 1955 the Dominion Bank became the Toronto Dominion Bank. This was what the dollar looked like at that time.



Who is the person on this dollar bill?



5. THE NEILSON BLOCK

118 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1903, enlarged in 1910

Was: Neilson Furniture Company

Today: Part of Telus Convention Centre



Arched Window



Pilasters



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

	Top Floor: Carpets, floor covering, window shade
	4th Floor: Draperies, china, bedding, kitchen ware
	Lower Floors (1-3): Furniture
	1919



Find clues to help you answer the question:

“Was the Neilson Block built all at once?”



Yes

No

What clues led you to your decision? List them.



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6. THE DOLL BLOCK

116 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1907

Was: Jewellery Store

Today: Part of Telus Convention Centre



Parapet



Bay Window



Seashell Pattern



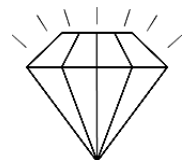
Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

The Doll Block has been the home of several jewellery stores over the years. In 1911 it was robbed. A thief stole \$11,000 worth of diamonds during noon hour around Christmas time.

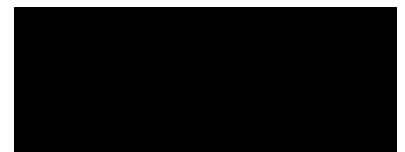
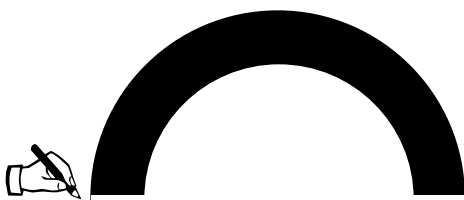


Look at the building.

Why do you think the building lives up to its name, the "Diamond Palace?"



The building uses many shapes in its design. Can you name these shapes?



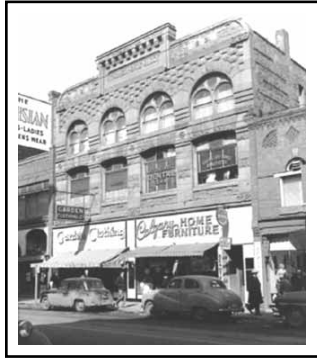
7. THE THOMSON BROTHERS BLOCK

112 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1893

Was: Bookshop

Today: Part of the Hyatt Hotel



Thompson Block 1940s



Stone Parapet



Sandstone Arches



Wildrose Flower



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

Write the name of the businesses that are on the street level.



Why do you think these names were chosen?



Find the carved Wild Roses.



How many are there?



Did you know that the official flower of Alberta is the Wild Rose?



8. THE LINEHAM BLOCK

106 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1886, 1907

Was: Imperial Bank / Bank of Montreal

Today: Part of the Hyatt Hotel



Lineham Block 1940s



Urns



Pediments



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

Why do you think there are two dates (1886 and 1907) at the top of the building?



This building used to be attached to another. The wall that attached them is still standing inside the lobby of the Hyatt Hotel. It's called a party wall.



Find the party wall. Check out the photos and plaques.



Why do you think it was called a party wall?

9. THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

102 - 8th Ave. S.E.

CONSTRUCTED: 1886, 1909

Was: The I.G. Baker Store, and a Bank

Today: Restaurant



Balustrade & Cornice



Dentils




Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.


 Look at the picture below and find the Imperial Bank Building.



Looking east on Stephen Avenue 1910.

Look east as you stand in the same spot today. What is similar or different from what you see today?

 What is similar?

 What is different?

10. HUDSON'S BAY CO. STORE #3

102 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1890, 1891, 1895, 1905

Was: Hudson's Bay third store

Today: Royal Bank Centre



Round
Arched
Windows



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

This store was the third Hudson's Bay store to be built in Calgary.



Look one block to the west.

Can you see Hudson's Bay store #4?

Hudson's Bay Store #4 (200-8th Ave. S.W.)

This store was built around 1911-13 and is where you can shop at "The Bay" today. When this building opened, it covered seven acres of floor space.



Hudson's Bay Store #4



What is an acre? How big is an acre?

10. HUDSON'S BAY CO. STORE #3

How big is an acre?

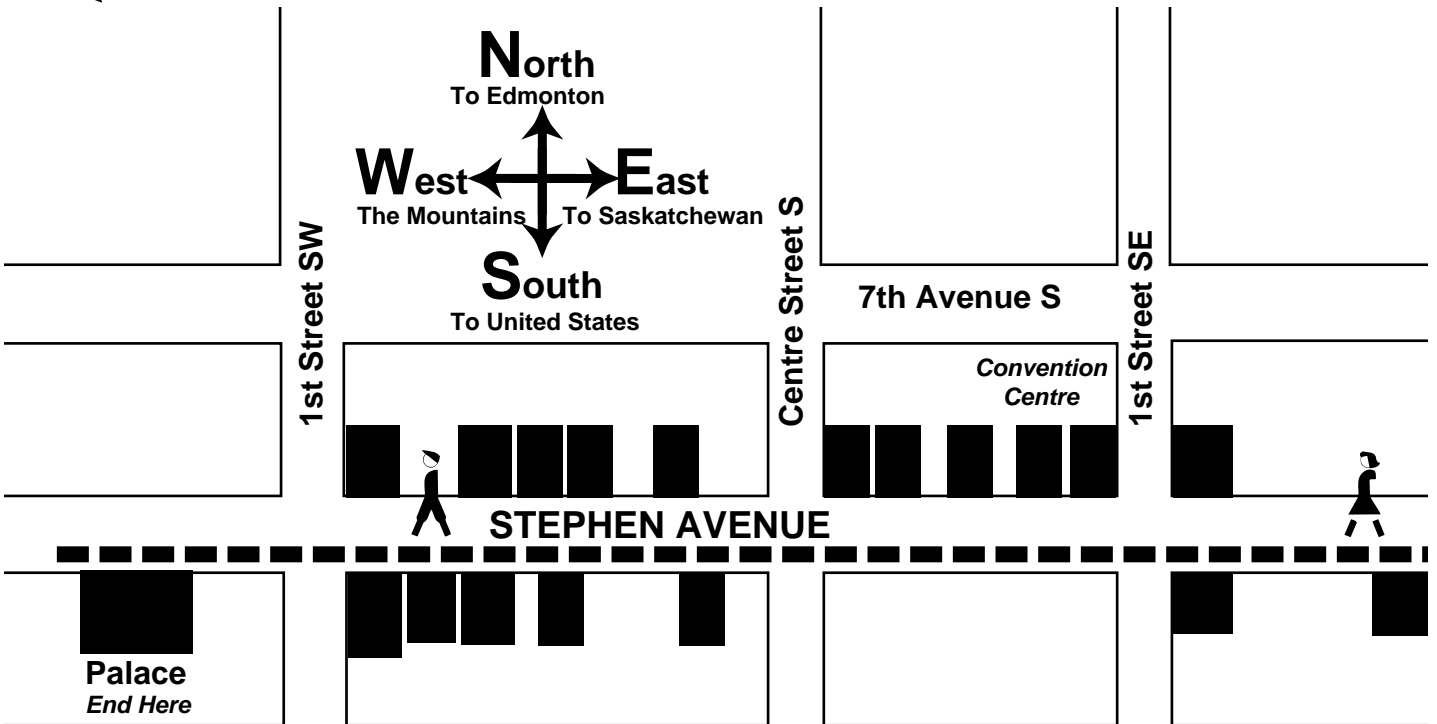
Answer:

An acre is 43,560 square feet (4046 square metres).

The Hudson's Bay store #4 was seven times that big!

Are you still confused? A Canadian football field, including the end zones, is about two acres. Imagine 3½ football fields inside the Bay!

On this map, draw a box showing where Bay Store #3 and Bay Store #4 are located and label each.



11. THE GLANVILLE / WARD (LOUGHEED) BLOCK

105 / 107 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1898

Was: Dry Goods Store, Bank, Saddlery

Today: Restaurant and Café



Urns

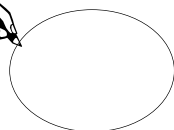


Arched Windows with Fan-like Ornaments



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

This building was owned by Senator James Lougheed. His first tenant was John Glanville who owned a dry goods store.



Circle the items you would find in a dry goods store in 1898.

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Flour | Microwave Ovens | Levis overalls | Matches |
| Corn Pops | Ammunition | Pencils | Lighters |
| Coffee | Horse Medicine | Slurpees | Lanterns |
| Plastic plates | Televisions | Computers | Hemp rope |
| Bolts of cloth | Canned food | Ball point pens | Dishes |



What is sold in this building today?

12. ASHDOWN HARDWARE

110 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1891

Was: Ashdown Hardware Store

Today: Arts and Crafts and offices



Cornice
& Dentils



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

This building was the home of a hardware store in 1891.

 **List the items you would find in a hardware store back then:**

 **List the items you would find in a hardware store today:**

 **Why are some items the same but other items are different?**

13. THE MOLSON'S BANK

114 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1911-12

Was: Bank

Today: Restaurant



Ionic Columns



Lions Heads



Carved Pediments



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

Find the lions on this building.
How many are there?



Find the four big columns.

What other building on your tour had the same type of columns?



Notice that this building is made from limestone, not sandstone like the one next door. What differences do you see?



14. THE TRIBUNE BLOCK

118 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1892

Was: Newspaper, Cigar Store,
Bowling Alley

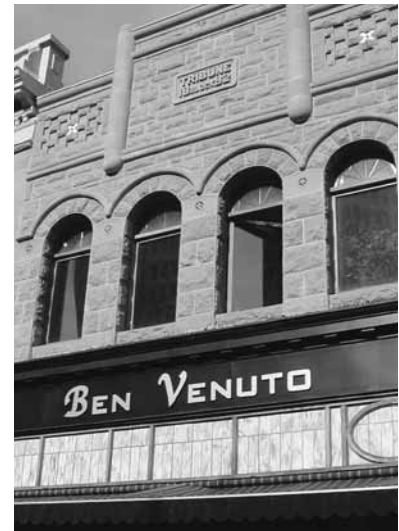
Today: Restaurant



Stepped
Parapet



Arches

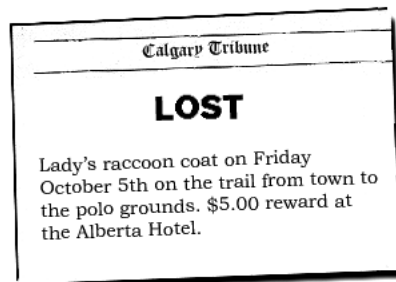
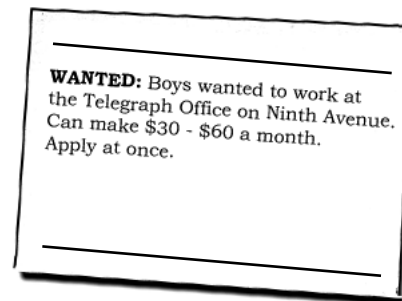


Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

The Tribune Block was the home of the Calgary Tribune newspaper.



Here are some ads that appeared in the paper during that time.



14. THE TRIBUNE BLOCK

Using the space below, write an ad you might have placed in the Tribune in 1892 . . .

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for writing an advertisement. The box is oriented vertically and occupies most of the lower half of the page.

15. THE CALGARY MILLING COMPANY

119 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1902

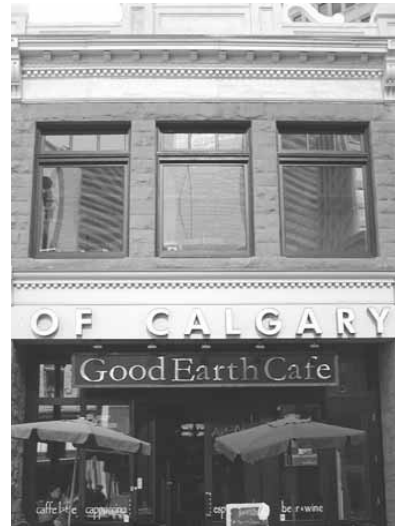
Was: Calgary Milling Co. & Grocery Store

Today: Art Gallery and café



Metal Cornice & Pediment

Large Windows



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

When this building opened it was the home of the Calgary Milling Company.



What do you think a milling company produced?

15. THE CALGARY MILLING COMPANY

The building became the home of John Irwin's fancy food and grocery store in 1912.



This picture was taken in 1924. Look at the building today and look at the picture of it in 1924.



What features of the building are the same?



What features of the building are different?

16. THE CLARENCE BLOCK

120 / 124 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1901

Was: Offices and Stores

Today: Bookstore and shops



Pediment



Balustrade



Pressed Tin
Ornamental Cornice



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

Here are some important dates in the life of this building:

- The Prime Minister of Canada from 1930-1935, R.B. Bennett, before he became Prime Minister, had his offices in this building.
- It burned down on Christmas Day in 1900.
- The Clarence Block was first built in 1892.
- The building was renovated to its present state in 2002.
- It was rebuilt in 1901.

Draw a time line of these dates and draw a picture of each event on the timeline.

1892

1900

1901

Before 1930

2002



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17. THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

125 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1930

Was: Bank of Nova Scotia

Today: Restaurant



Motifs depicting Alberta history



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

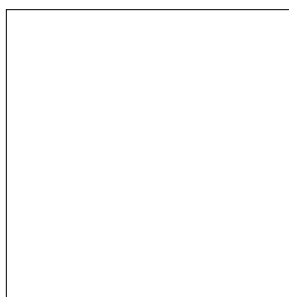
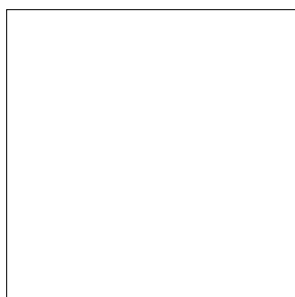
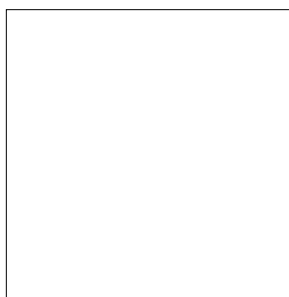
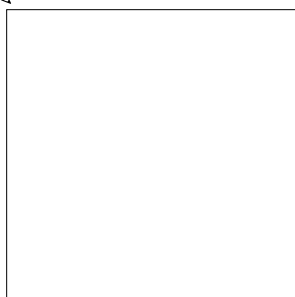
The Canadian architect that designed this building was John Lyle. He used symbols of the west to decorate the building.



Find each of these symbols on the building:

- Prairie wildflowers
- Shamrocks
- Horses
- Oil Rig
- Mountains
- Model A Ford parts
- Leeks
- Buffalo
- Saddle and fence
- Thistle
- Fleurs-de-lys
- Guns and arrows
- Wheat
- Roses
- Mounties, Natives
- Setting Sun

Draw a picture of 3 or 4 of your favorite symbols. Write a few words about the story they tell about Alberta.



18. THE PAIN BLOCK (T.C. POWERS & BROTHER)

131 - 8th Ave. S.W.

False
Front

CONSTRUCTED: 1885

Was: Grocery Store, furrier, other stores

Today: Souvenir Store



This is the only wooden building left on Stephen Avenue that survived the fire of 1886.

 Find the “plaque” on the building that tells the story of the Pain Block.

 Why was the Pain Block built?

 Who was Daniel Webster Marsh?

 In what year was the building last restored?

 How many years ago did the restoration happen?

19. THE ALBERTA HOTEL

133 / 139 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1888,1902

Was: Hotel and Bar

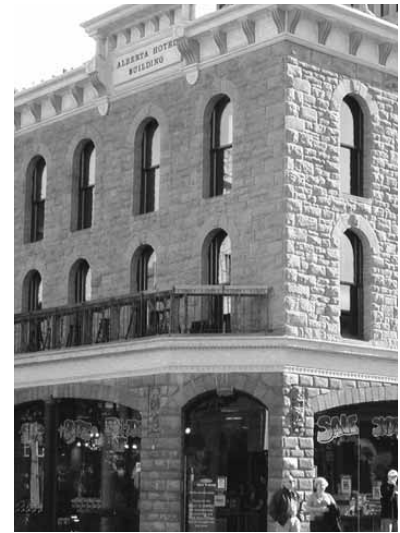
Today: Shops, restaurant, office space



Arched windows with keystones



Gargoyles



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.



Look for the Gargoyles on the building.

Gargoyles were often placed on old churches to scare away evil spirits. The gargoyles added to the Alberta Hotel in the 1970s, are copies of the gargoyles on the demolished Calgary Herald building. These gargoyles were not meant to scare away evil but rather to "poke a little fun" at the people who worked on the newspaper inside the Herald Building.



Draw your own gargoyles. Who are they supposed to be?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw their own gargoyles.

19. THE ALBERTA HOTEL

The very first Stampede Parade passed in front of the Alberta Hotel in 1912.



The Alberta Hotel was said to have had “the longest bar in Western Canada.”



In 1905 the restaurant in the hotel served.

Menu

Croquettes of Fowl
Rib of Prime Beef
Yorkshire Pudding
Topsy Trifle Cake
Fresh Rhubarb Pie



What do you think they would serve today if the Alberta Hotel restaurant was still around? Make up your own menu.

Menu

20. THE BANK OF MONTREAL

140 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1929 - 31

Was: Bank

Today: Store



The Bank of Montreal 1924.



Corinthian
Columns



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.



Look for the large Bank of Montreal crest.

Hint... *it's above the columns and inside the pediment!*



Who and what do you see in the crest?



The signature of the architect is on the building.

Can you find it?

Hint... *it's on the front, 4 meters from the date stone, on the east side of the entrance.*



What's his name?



What type of stone is on the building?

21. THE ALLEN (PALACE) THEATRE

219 - 8th Ave. S.W.

CONSTRUCTED: 1921

Was: Movie and Stage Theatre

Today: Club



The Allen (Palace) Theatre In 1920



Columns



Draw a line to where the features appear on the building in the big picture.

During the 1920s the Palace Theatre featured the silent movie “The Heart of the North”. The billboards on the Palace Theatre in the 1920s picture advertise this movie. It’s about a Mountie who adopts orphans found in a snowstorm. One of the children becomes a Mountie, the other a villain. Movies set in the north woods or “North West drama” adventures were popular in those days.



Look at the movie poster.

What clues tell you what American movie-makers thought about people in the north?



List the clues that you find in the poster.

