Reading

• Today:
  – Trigger 2001 on Irish Catholics in Montreal
Urban Social Space

• Shaped by social status (class) but also by
  – Ethnicity
  – Religion
  – Trigger 2001
Trigger 2001

- Montreal in 1860s: 100,000 people
  - 50% are French Catholic
  - 25% are Irish Catholic
  - 25% are Anglo Protestant
Power

• Economic & political leadership:
  – Anglo Protestants
• Social majority
  – French Catholics
• Irish Catholics
  – A double minority
Urban North America

• Irish Catholics rapidly become dominant in Catholic Church
  – Boston, New York, Toronto, Buffalo, Chicago
• But in Montreal
  – Irish Catholicism has to work harder to create its own space
Montreal

• A city of fractured social geography
• Early C19th: mainly an English-speaking city
• Mid C19th:
  – major immigration by poor Irish Catholics (fleeing famine, poverty)
  – massive migration of rural Quebecois to city (fleeing rural depression)
Montreal

- Anglo-protestant elite
  - In political and economic control
  - Live in Westmount, uphill suburbs
- French & Irish Catholics
  - Form most of the city’s working class
  - Live in “the city below the hill”
- Missing from Trigger, but may be assumed
• Dorchester St
1892

• What is it called today?
  – Blvd Rene Levesque
• Sir George Stephen house
• Sherbrooke St mansion, 1892
Montreal Athletic Association, 1892
Angus rail shops
• Lachine Canal
Irish & Montreal Catholicism

- By 1850s Sulpicians establish several institutions to serve Irish Catholics
  - Orphanages, missions
- But all within Parish of Notre Dame
- Irish reasonably happy with this
St Patricks from Notre Dame 1859
• Notre Dame de Bonsecours
1860s

• Bishop Bourget wants to split the mega-parish of Notre Dame (105,000 souls)
• 1866: create 3 parishes
• 1867: create 8 more
• Irish complain
• Creation of suburban parishes 1870s-1880s
  – French Catholics complain
Figure 3. Parishes created for English-speaking Catholics during the nineteenth century, showing locations of parish churches.
Montreal 1890s

- Catholic parish structure has divided into French and Irish
  - Inner city
  - Industrial suburbs
Notre Dame Basilica

• Begun as an Irish Catholic church
  – Plain stone interior, lots of light
  – Irish-American architect

• Gradually becomes a Francophone parish in later in C19th
  – Remodelled as baroque
  – Most of the natural light eliminated
Here stood until 1866 the church and monastery of the Recollet Fathers 1693 in which the Anglicans from 1761 to 1789 and the Presbyterians from 1791 to 1792 worshipped Roman Catholics and Protestants using the same edifice. It was the church of the Irish Roman Catholics from 1825 to 1847.
Sport & Ethnicity in Montreal

• Hockey invented by Anglophones
• Early C20th Montreal hockey rivalry:
  – The Canadiens vs the Maroons
• Montreal Maroons
  – Anglo-Irish answer to the Canadiens
  – the first tenants of The Forum
  – 2 Stanley Cups in 14 playing seasons 1924-1938
CHINA TOWN
唐人街
QUARTIER CHINOIS
Ethnicity - Theory

• Michael Conzen
  – Ethnicity culturally constructed over time
Ethnicity - Theory

• Richard Dennis:
  – Ethnicity emerges in the context of a dominant interest group
  – Power shapes ethnicity
Ethnicity - Theory

• But also:
  – Ethnicity can be self-constructed
  – Can arise from group to group interaction

• Trigger:
  – All this plus Catholic Church has institutional agendas of its own, which shape ethnicity
Ethnicity

- Clearly helps shape urban social space
- Not completely separate from power, social status
- But not really part of social class, status.