

MONTREAL ACTIONS AGAINST PRISONS, POLICE, AND THE WORLD THAT NEEDS THEM

2011

July:

- Condo developer attacked; its windows were broken and building was painted.

June:

- Demo in response to two murders by the SPVM that attacked police with rocks and paint bombs, built street barricades, and broke windows.

May:

- Police cars attacked with paint stripper.
- Night of anarchist graffiti and disruption of the Greek consulate in solidarity with anarchists in Greece fighting the police and fascists.

April:

- Bank attacked and three banner drops in solidarity with anarchists in Chile on hungerstrike.
- Unclaimed long-term sabotage of 61 personal cars of police.

March:

- Two security companies had their windows broken and paint thrown on their walls and cameras in solidarity with anarchists in Puget Sound fighting the police and Montréal anarchists facing state repression.
- Several Public Security Ministry of Québec vehicles were doused in paintstripper and had their tires slashed. The Ministry oversees provincial prisons and police forces.
- Annual anti-police demo in which people threw projectiles at police and smashed corporate windows.

January-March:

- Slew of unclaimed condo development arsons.

New Year:

- Third anti-prison noise demo in six months outside federal prisons with fireworks, banners, and chants.

“WE REFUSE TO BE COMPLACENT IN THE MISERY AROUND US. THE POLICE ARE AN OCCUPYING ARMY IN OUR STREETS AND ANY ACT TO FURTHER REMOVE THEM FROM OUR LIVES WARMS OUR HEARTS.”



“PRISON IS MUCH MORE THAN FOUR WALLS OF A VILE INSTITUTION; PRISON IS A CONDITION THAT SURROUNDS US. IT IS THE CAMERAS ON EVERY STREET CORNER SURVEILLING OUR COMINGS AND GOINGS, IT IS THE BORDERS AND CONSTANT THREAT OF DETENTION AND DEPORTATION THAT WOULD KEEP US FROM FREELY CHOOSING WHERE WE WANT TO LIVE.”

2008-09

December:

- Two RBCs attacked in solidarity with resistance to the colonial Olympics.

April:

- Police car was torched.

August:

- Riot in Montréal-Nord after Fredy Villanueva was murdered. Fires were set, and police were attacked with stones, bottles, and guns.

March:

- During annual anti-police demo, dozens of downtown corporate windows were smashed, a molotov was used against a police vehicle, and anti-police graffiti was painted.
- 23 cars at Mazda dealership had their tires slashed.
- Three ATMs of National Bank of Canada set on fire.
- Six police vehicles set on fire in Hochlaga.

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2010

December:

- 12 Bell vehicles were covered in paintstripper and had their tires slashed on the anniversary of the police murder of Mohamed-Anas Bennis. Bell refused to make camera footage available to the public inquiry at the behest of the SPVM.
- Sodexo, a corporation that manufactures food for prisons, was attacked with rocks and spraypaint in solidarity with: Roger Clement, who firebombed an RBC; John Graham, an indigenous prisoner; and Giannis Dimitrakis, an anarchist prisoner in Greece.

November:

- The Russian Embassy in Montréal had its windows smashed and paint thrown against its façade in solidarity with anarchists in Russia facing state repression for defense of the earth.

“IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE DID THIS BECAUSE WE HATE THE POLICE, AND WE CERTAINLY AREN'T ALONE IN THIS HATRED... CONTINUE THE FIGHTBACK.”

July:

- An RCMP station had its windows smashed by masked anarchists.
- Banque Laurentienne had ATMs, windows, and a sign smashed with a hammer and rocks in solidarity with those who resisted the G20.

June-July:

- 3 RBCs smashed in solidarity with the RBC firebombing and those facing G20 repression in Toronto.

June: • Sodexo had its windows smashed.

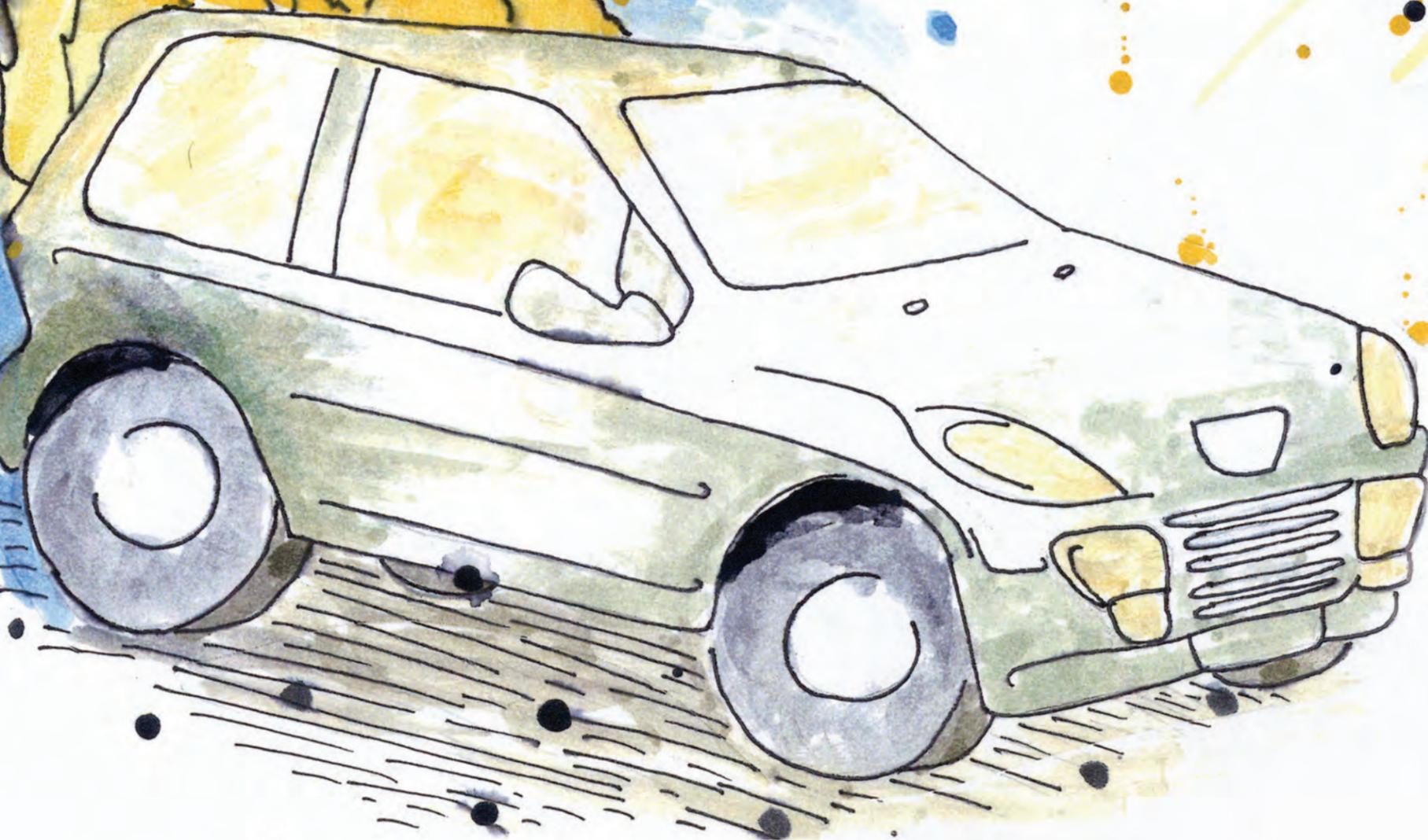
May: • CN rail lines west of Montréal were blocked.

March:

- Annual anti-police demo in which people attacked cops with stones, fireworks, and paint, built barricades in the street, and vandalized 6 police cruisers.
- A group of people attacked a police station. 11 police cars suffered broken windows, slashed tires, and had their computers smashed. FTP and ACAB were written on the building, and its windows were broken.

“THESE RAILS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNDERPINNINGS OF A WORLD WE HATE, BUILT BY THE COLONIZERS WHO INTRODUCED JUDGES, POLICE, AND THEIR PRISONS TO THIS LAND. WE APPROACH THIS AND OTHER BEDROCKS OF CAPITAL WITH AN EYE FOR DESTRUCTION: FOR EVERY RAIL BLOCKED, A CAMERA SMASHED. FOR EVERY COP CAR PUT TO RUIN, A PRISON RAZED.”

Attack



A car dealership near Côtés-des-Neiges was attacked using incendiary devices causing damage to luxury vehicles in the honor of the courageous imprisoned comrades of the Conspiracy Cells of Fire and of Revolutionary Struggle.

**SOLIDARITY MEANS ATTACK. LONG LIVE ANARCHY.
A THOUSAND YEARS TO THE BLACK INTERNATIONAL**

CALL FOR A MONTH AGAINST POLICE

Earlier today (March 5, 2016), at 6 pm, a few friends attacked an SPVM cruiser parked outside of Charlevoix metro in the Montreal neighborhood of Pointe-Saint-Charles by slashing the tires and breaking the windows.

We want to use this attack as a call for actions against police in Montreal between now and the end of March.

As the annual demonstration against “police brutality” approaches, we’d like to move away from only being combative with police during an annual demonstration, for which they can prepare extensively and after which social peace is easily restored. We want to show that the police are vulnerable to sabotage, and that this is possible every day of the year. We want fear to change camps. We want to encourage the anarchist space in Montreal to experiment with a diffuse offensive against the daily operations of police, not just on March 15th, but in the entire coming month.

We scattered copies of this flyer at the site of the smashed cruiser:



WHY WE ATTACK THE POLICE

IF YOU’RE READING THIS, you’re probably wondering why a few masked individuals just smashed the police car in front of you.

It was pretty easy to ruin these cops’ day; we wore scarves, hats, and gloves to conceal our identities, and dedicated twenty seconds to our direct action while one of us was well positioned to watch for police trying to return to their vehicle. We ran a block, changed our outer layer to appear different while keeping our scarves on, and calmly blended back into the crowd as we walked away.

Allow us to introduce ourselves; we are those who never felt content to follow the program of metro-boulot-dodo that schools prepare us for; we are those who see a cop and recognize the legacy of domination they represent and enforce; we are those who want to struggle to destroy the state, the economy, the apparatuses which force us to conform to the predetermined roles of ‘woman’ and ‘man’, and all the innumerable daily violences this society imposes on us. We want to destroy what destroys us, while simultaneously beginning to create a world less miserable than this one.

We’re not fooled by the reforms the state offers us to placate these sentiments, because we also recognize that we can’t just adjust the dials on this death-machine of a society, but must set fire to its electrical board. We want a revolutionary rupture with the daily life that forces us into work and acceptable social relations. Outside of large-scale riots and rebellions, we live this desire for something new by sabotaging the systems of domination in whichever ways we can.

Many of us call ourselves anarchists, though what’s important isn’t what we call ourselves, but rather the rich and inspiring struggle against authority that our actions and projects contribute to. For us, a police cruiser that can

no longer patrol the neighborhood hints at the bigger goal of making the system of policing, prisons, and courts non-functional, because this system of repression and control has never and will never be anything but an obstacle to our freedom. It protects and serves the powerful – institutions and people who have more of a say in how we live our lives than we do.

We hope that the sound of those shattering police car windows resonates with you, and that you’re also disgusted by any obedient citizens who understands this as an attack on their own safety. Time and time again, we see that police only worsen our lives. When there’s a rapist in our neighborhood, we’d far rather see a self-organized group of people respond with baseball bats to the rapists’ knecaps, rather than see someone who survived rape be dragged through the courts and made to feel shamed at every turn. We’d far rather the people in our neighborhood who are kept in poverty by bosses and landlords organize to loot the IGA or hold up a yuppie business, rather than steal from and call the police on each other.

Every year on March 15, there is a protest against “police brutality”. If we want a chance at free lives, we need to bring the fight beyond just the “brutality” or “excesses” of the SPVM. We need to understand that brutal violence and coercion are intrinsic to the police’s very existence. We refuse the narrative that the me-



dia and the state feed us – that the problem is individual police and not the entire structure of policing and the world they defend. That’s why when many of us meet in the streets, it’s against all police, and we bring rocks and fireworks to lob at them from behind barricades. We invite you to find us there, and share in this practice of revolt.

**Until next time,
Your friendly neighborhood anarchists**



#isupportmycomrades andtheirvandalism

In 2016, upwards of 20 yuppie businesses were vandalized in Hochelaga. At a loss for how to stop these direct actions, the city and businesses have recently rallied together for a public relations campaign, with the slogan #isupportmybusinessesagainstthevandalism.

They're trying to make us believe that 'revitalization' (a pretty word for gentrification) benefits everyone; that more cops harrasing us on the street, more evictions, and more luxury boutiques is actually for our own good! They want to turn us against all those who are taking matters into their own hands by refusing to let capitalism make this neighbourhood even more miserable. Of course, keeping Hochelaga profitable for business is the only real priority behind a politician's smile.

We see things differently. These yuppie businesses only serve to make the neighborhood more attractive for developers, whose grand schemes of ugly, expensive condominiums make life harder on the eyes and the pocketbooks of everyone except themselves. Those who take direct action against these types of targets serve as a reminder that, while capitalist projects of development push forward, they are not invulnerable. Yuppie gentrifiers do not have to be tolerated. It is not only possible, it is necessary, to fight back. Let's continue the struggle!



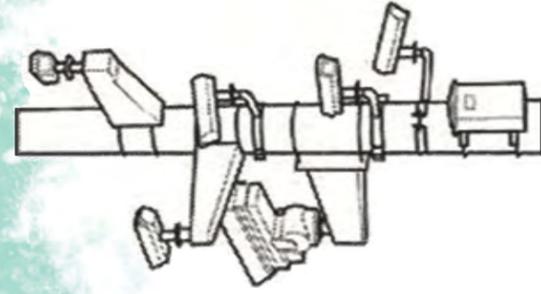
“ I would like for the police to be afraid of being attacked when they patrol Hochelag, for small yuppie businesses to hesitate before setting up shop here because their insurance premiums will be super expensive, for people to think about how if they park their luxury cars in the neighbourhood overnight, they're risking waking up to them being trashed, that as soon as graffiti or posters are cleaned, they're back up.”

- an anarchist participant in Hochelaga vandalism

Autonomous communication for the struggle against authority:

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SMILE



YOUR CCTV CAMERAS DON'T WORK

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DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 26, 2012, INSPIRED by the demonstrators that afternoon who attacked the police and refused to be dispersed, we used a fire extinguisher filled with paint to spray a CCTV camera and a large (A) on the walls of Cégep du Vieux Montréal. During the night of March 3, we broke a CCTV camera at Cégep Maisonneuve by dropping a slab of concrete onto it from the roof. The front entrance windows were also smashed with a hammer.



Because we've had enough of student democracy. Because the "50% + 1" functions to control revolt and isolates ideas and individuals. Because the majority is often found on the other side of the barricades, or simply in front of their TVs. Because we are enraged by this system of social control, the cameras scrutinizing our movements, the guards in every hallway, the police in the streets, the snitches who betray us, and we will act against all these forms of domination regardless of a vote in a general assembly.

Let our rage live in the streets and not only in the general assemblies. Let's clear the streets of the eyes of power. Let's live revolt.”

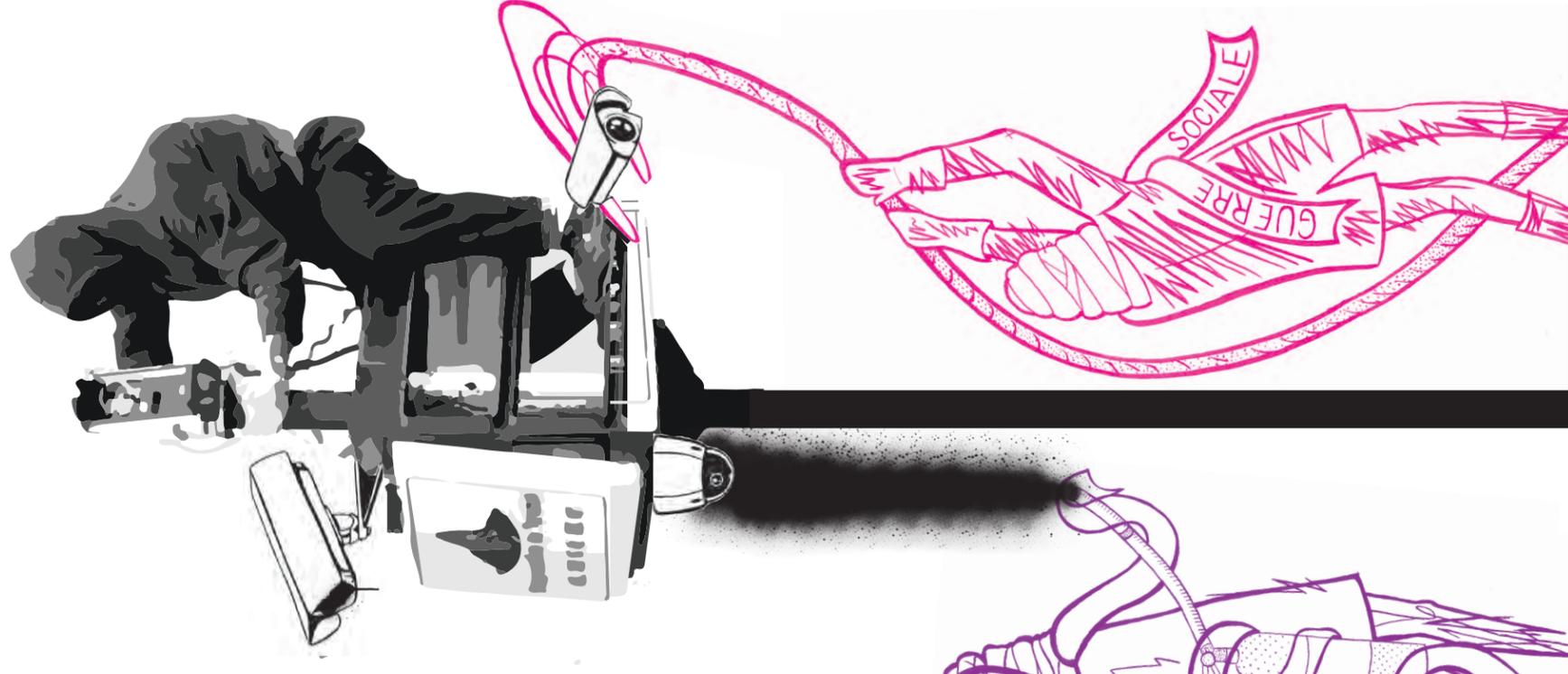
- some anarchists



CAMOVER MONTREAL

In **CAMOVER**, you play a group of humans confronted with an invasion of cameras in a gentrified neighborhood. The struggle against the cameras is important, but your own survival is essential! To win you must form teams with friends in your neighborhoods and destroy as many cameras as possible. The game takes place throughout the summer. At the end, the neighborhood with the most points wins the game.

**Let the vandalism begin!
Let's make our summer nights
magical and vibrant!**



Terms of Engagement

1. Preparation

Speak with your friends and gather a small affinity group. Walk around your area and identify the potential targets. During the scouting, take care to note the following aspects for each target: where to mask up without being seen, where to position the lookouts, and where the exit route will be.

Gather the following items:



mask, gloves & unidentifiable clothing

extinguisher / hammer / rope / spraypaint / rocks

2. Sabotage

The night has arrived. Choose the right tool and be on your way. Position the lookouts, mask up at the predetermined spots and check that no one sees you. Carry out the act of sabotage and then take the exit route as quickly as possible.

3. Let people know

Count up your points: one for each camera. Write a short text recounting the actions and send it to mtlcounter-info.org. You can also attach an image or video to the text. If you manage to leave with any of the destroyed cameras, get creative: pose with them, dance with them, turn them into puppets or an art installation.

Why play?

- To develop skills that can be used in many situations: using certain tools, planning actions, becoming unidentifiable, escaping from the police, communicating during these types of moments.
- Developing and nourishing complicity and affinity between friends through action.
- Transform our relationships to our neighborhoods: develop an intimate knowledge of the streets, the buildings, the alleys, etc.
- Make the neighborhood safer: for people whose daily activities are criminalized (drug dealers, sex workers, etc.), for graffiti writers, and for those who wish to struggle against systems of domination.

For camera mapping in Montreal:
montreal.sous-surveillance.net

To post communiques of your actions:
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Using rope

- Attach a small object, such as a piece of wood, to a rope.
- Throw the rope over the camera arm.
- Grab the two ends of the rope and pull!

How to fill an extinguisher with paint

- The right extinguishers are silver and have a nut and a valve. They can be found in apartment buildings and restaurants.
- Empty the extinguisher by squeezing the trigger, and remove the top by unscrewing the nut. Pour in a mix of latex paint and water, with a 1:1 ratio.
- Replace the top and pressurize the extinguisher with a bike pump or a pressurizer, to 100 PSI.
- Use gloves while touching the extinguisher to avoid leaving fingerprints on it. It's a good idea to wear a raincoat to keep the spray off your clothes.

Cop car set on fire after March 15 demo



“ In the spirit of March 15’s past, a cop car was set on fire on the evening of March 15th, 2013, at the Poste 33 police station in Parc-Ex, Montreal. This action was taken to complement the 17th annual demonstration against police (and their brutality) that took place earlier that day.

We also send a message of support to Marco Camenisch in his struggles from inside prison in Switzerland.”



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Balade in Saint-Henri loots expensive grocery store

Long Live De-Gentrification

A balade for de-gentrification took to the streets of Saint-Henri on the evening of May 28, 2016. About 30 people, all in black bloc, strolled down rue Notre-Dame and looted the yuppie boutique grocery store “Le 3734”. As most of the crowd held down the street outside the store, a few people went inside and filled duffel bags with fresh and dry sausages, cheese, maple syrup, and other items. Meanwhile, the storefront was redecorated with graffiti reading ‘Fuck Empire’ and wheatpasted posters that communicated some of the intentions behind the action. After throwing smoke bombs ahead of and behind the crowd on Notre-Dame, people dispersed via the train tracks before police could arrive, and no arrests have been made. In the days that followed, we re-distributed the food to people in the neighborhood who wouldn’t regularly have had access to it. The poster left behind read as follows:

With the arrival of the condos in Saint-Henri, a multitude of expensive businesses, hipster restaurants, and bourgeois grocery stores followed. Nevertheless, despite this affluence of food, the neighborhood remains practically a food desert for people with little money. Such a paradox it is to live in a world that produces so much food, but that isn’t accessible for those who are hungry.

**Tonight is a great banquet,
we celebrate complicity
and abundance**

May 28th, we tried to recalibrate things a bit, to the extent of our means. We put on masks to protect our identity, we entered one of these extravagant businesses, we took everything we could and we left to redistribute the goods joyously in the neighborhood. Inspired by the recent actions against the police in different neighborhoods and knowing that they were going to show up to protect the property owners, we brought what we needed to protect ourselves.

Everyone deserves to eat well and there is enough food for everyone! It is with great pleasure that we organized this pillaging, which is a slap in the face to the forces that impoverish and starve us. We invite everyone to do the same!

**everything
for everyone**



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Enbridge Valve Site Sabotaged Again

“Our hearts were bursting with love and cheer after hearing of the many times our friends have courageously shut down pipelines in recent months.

so in the early hours of january 25, 2016 we found our own courage and took action against enbridge and their line 9. slipping in to a valve station located on traditional Haudenosaunee Territory (in hamilton, ontario) we successfully operated an electronic valve to shut off the flow of tarsands crude in line 9. a line 7 valve, also an enbridge tarsands pipeline, was also tampered with and closed part way. we then disappeared back into the night.

we took this action to stand in unity with all those who have defended the land before us, and for those who decide to take action after us. we take it to fight against an industry that puts us at risk every day and subjects frontline communities to violence upon their bodies, communities and cultures - for profit.

we believe that's worth fighting against; that those people and communities are worth fighting for.

so call us what you will, but we only do what is both necessary and right. our actions hurt none, but a lack of action hurts everyone. may we all find the courage to actively resist & destroy exploitative capitalist industrial projects.

fuck enbridge
fuck the tarsands
and fuck all pipelines.

ps. for those curious to follow in our stead - enbridge thinks they're being all smart by putting on large gold security chains (which can't be cut with bolt cutters) and lockboxes on the gates. bypass these by cutting the fence itself. then all you need are some garden shears (to cut the very, very secure zip tie protecting the electrical panel), your wits and an exit plan.”

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December 7 : Line 9 valve manually closed and people locked to it in QC during the daytime. Three arrests. Enbridge stock plunged 8%.



December 21 : Line 9 shut down during another daytime lock-down in Sarnia, ON. Three arrests.



January 3 : Line 7 valve manually shut off near Cambridge, ON during the night. No arrests.

ENBRIDGE VALVE AND PIPELINE SABOTAGED

“What better way to start a new year than by shutting down some fucking oil pipelines?”

Sometime in the night of January 3rd, 2016 individuals stole into the dark near so-called Cambridge and used a manual pipeline valve to restrict the flow of Enbridge's Line 7. We then applied our own locking devices to delay response time.

Line 7 is another recently-expanded tarsands pipeline operated by Enbridge, running parallel to Line 9 & flowing 180,000 bpd of tarsands crude.

This action was undertaken to show our ever lasting love and support to the brave folks who've taken similar actions in the traditional territories of the Huron-Wendat, Mohawk, and Anishinaabek people.

Further, we take action to counter the new narrative of the state; to swing back at the grossly inflated charges those in Sarnia received, and show that we will not be cowed.

We fight for the land and water; and we fight for our lives.

We will always fight back, whether it's with the sun warming our faces, or the moonlight to guide us.

Join us.”

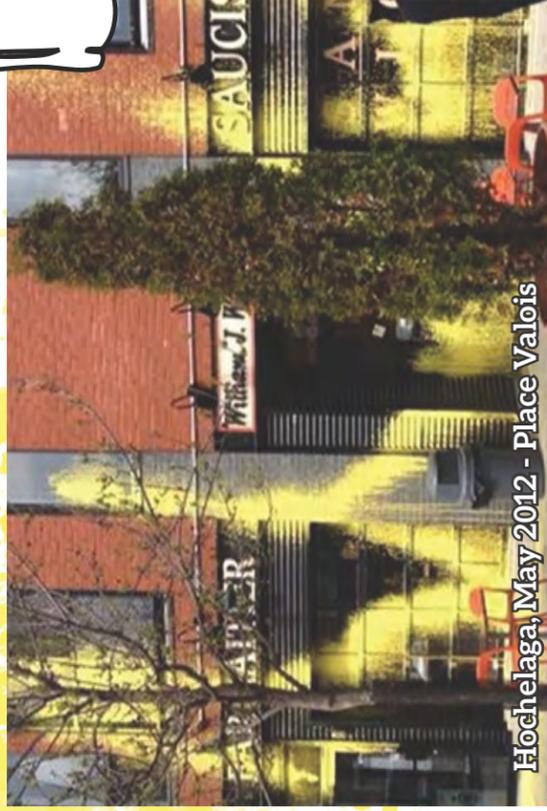
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Anarchist attacks on gentrification



St. Henri, 2014 - Campenelli's



Hochelaga, May 2012 - Place Valois

Hochelaga, November 2013

Le Chasseur restaurant and the Le Valois, In Vivo and Bagatelle bistros had their windows smashed and were graffitied. A flyer left strewn near the destruction read:

“YOU AND YOUR COLLABORATORS OF GENTRIFICATION, YOU COME HERE, in Hochelaga to rot us with your 25 bucks table d'hôte, your crap condos and your hip businessman ideals. It seems quite obvious that your not welcome here. Your presence makes us want to vomit. We know the song too well. Under your cheerful young entrepreneur and unscrupulous airs, your only goal is to colonize our neighborhoods and adapt them to your interests. You have big cash and the cops for your SECURITY and that's how you plan to succeed. Well you better get the fuck out of here because we want nothing of your sanitized world...”

Hochelaga, September 2013

“OVER THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 5, WE BROKE THE WINDOW OF THE office of Carole Poirier, Partie Québécois representative in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. With an extinguisher filled with paint (sprayed into the broken window) the interior of Carole's office was completely covered. Walls, carpet, computers, everything. On the outside wall, “FUCK LA PROPRIÉTÉ PRIVÉE - GRÈVE DES LOYERS ” was written. This action was done in solidarity with those being evicted from the Moreau lofts, and as a fuck you to politicians who all work hand in hand with landlords to render the neighbourhood sterilized and policed.”

St. Henri, November 2014

“ALTHOUGH GENTRIFICATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD IS MORE than just new businesses and nice-looking storefronts, we decided to render some of our disgust with gentrification by vandalizing two such examples with fire extinguishers filled with paint...”

“...These businesses play an active role in the “revitalisation” of the neighbourhood, and contribute to pushing out the poor in favour of young yuppies with considerable income and who are always in search of the new trend – whether in terms of food, beer, fashion, or even neighborhood. Unable to afford the new price of living and facing greater police harassment, a method of social cleansing that pushes undesirables further and further from downtown and central areas, precarious workers, the unemployed, and all other marginalized of society are always on the losing end of this ‘revitalisation’.

We see this action as part of a struggle against colonialism and as a gesture of solidarity with indigenous self-determination and sovereignty. While we recognize that our struggle in Montreal, occupied indigenous territory, isn't at all comparable to indigenous struggles in form or content, we engaged in this action in solidarity with those in struggle against exploitative projects, including pipeline construction and other resource extraction schemes.

We think that one of the best ways to act in solidarity is to struggle in our own context against common enemies: the forces of repression and displacement, including capital and the police. In this sense, inspired in part by the struggles against threats to the territory and water on lands already stolen from indigenous peoples, the threats that participate in this ongoing process of colonisation and genocide of indigenous peoples in Canada, we attacked the forces that further alienate us from our surroundings and push us out of the spaces we inhabit.”



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TOURNAI LA POLICE



Mars, 2008 : 6 police cars arsoned at poste 23

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“THESE ARE ACTIONS AGAINST the intensifying oppression in the neighbourhood and everywhere where exploitation exists and reproduces itself. We are acting in solidarity with Native political prisoners in America who are still struggling for their freedom and their autonomy.

We are calling on all populations to take back their time, space, the street, the city, and to torch everything that represents authority. The city is us, it is not a prison belonging to capitalism.

We are not slaves, and yet we build their houses, their banks. their roads, we look after their children and serve them their coffee every morning, we pick the fruit and vegetables that they eat. The least we can do is to set fire to their cars, SUVs, police cars, their new real estate developments, their big houses, their hotels, expose them publicly for who they are. The least we can do is to abolish them!... Torch the capitalist system, that creator of corpses!”

JUNE 11TH: REMEMBER IMPRISONED ANARCHISTS, CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST ECOLOGICAL DEVASTATION

THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA, STATE AGENCIES AND COMPANIES ARE PUSHING FORWARD WITH MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE EXTRACTION AND TRANSPORT OF OIL. THESE PROCESSES ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY DEVASTATING – CONTAMINATING GROUNDWATER AND LEADING INEVITABLY TO SPILLS AND RAIL DISASTERS. BUT THEY ARE NO LESS DISASTROUS FOR HUMANS: FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES WHOSE WATER SOURCES AND WAYS OF LIFE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEGRADED BY PIPELINES AND SPILLS, TO THOSE WHO GAIN PRECARIOUS EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THESE PROJECTS, SUBJECTED TO THE WHIMS OF THE GLOBAL MARKET AND THE TOXICITY OF THE POISONS THEY ARE PAID TO HANDLE.

IN THE PAST DECADE, THE STATE HAS IMPRISONED MANY REBELS FOR ATTACKING THE REGIME OF THESE PROJECTS OF DEATH. IN THE UNITED STATES, MARIUS MASON IS SERVING 22 YEARS FOR ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST LOGGING EQUIPMENT AND GMO RESEARCH AND A LIFETIME OF RADICAL ORGANIZING, WHILE ERIC MCDAVID WAS SENTENCED TO NEARLY 20 YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY AFTER SIMPLY DISCUSSING TAKING ACTION AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE (HE WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS YEAR AFTER SERVING TEN).

THE THREAT OF PRISON IS MEANT TO DETER US FROM DREAMING OF A WORLD IN WHICH NO COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENTS CONSPIRE TO PROFIT FROM DESTRUCTION AND EXPLOITATION. BUT WE, TOO, ARE CAPABLE OF CONSPIRING WITH ONE ANOTHER, BY ORGANIZING AGAINST, ATTACKING AND BLOCKING THE PHYSICAL COMPONENTS OF THESE PROJECTS. MARIUS, ERIC, AND MANY OTHERS HAVE FACED HEAVY REPRESSION FOR PLOTTING SUCH ATTACKS. COUNTLESS OTHERS HAVE GOTTEN AWAY.

JUNE 11TH IS A DAY TO REMEMBER OUR ANARCHIST COMRADES WITH LENGTHY PRISON SENTENCES. LET IT ALSO BE A DAY TO CHOOSE TO ACT AGAINST A WORLD WHICH REQUIRES OIL TO FUEL THE MACHINERY OF OUR EXPLOITATION, AND WHICH REQUIRES PRISONS AND POLICE TO KEEP US IN LINE.

gentrifiers in St Henri welcomed with a joyous vandalism rampage!

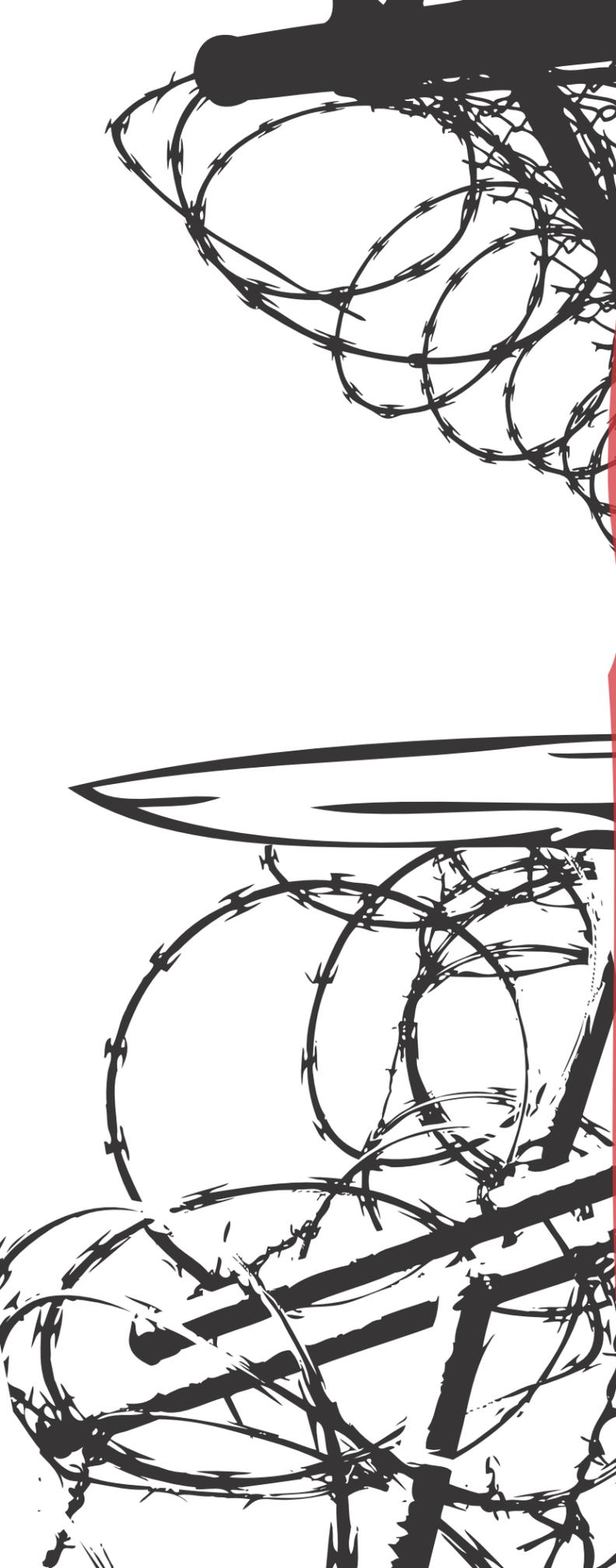


“We’ve never seen or witnessed a group like this, at this time, with so many witnesses, with weapons running en masse in the middle of the street, this isn’t a war zone!”
- a shook gentrifier

On Friday, May 22, 2015, several masked individuals dressed all in black threw smoke bombs into a newly opened high-end juice bar on Notre-Dame St. W. owned by Corey Shapiro, whose gentrifying businesses have already seen several instances of vandalism in the past months. When Shapiro came out of the party to see what was going on, he was pepper-sprayed.

The next night, a group wearing masks undertook a joyous vandalism rampage, breaking windows of several gentrifying businesses along Notre-Dame St. W. with crowbars and billiard balls. Passersby bore witness to the destruction, which occurred shortly after midnight. Among the targets were Corey Shapiro’s barbershop, Notorious, and Campanelli, a coffee shop and clothing boutique. No one was caught.

Shapiro’s small business-empire (for example) only serves to make the neighborhood more attractive for developers, whose grand schemes of ugly, expensive condominiums make life harder on the eyes and the pocketbooks of everyone except themselves. Those who take direct action against these types of targets serve as a reminder that, while capitalist projects of development push forward, they are not inevitable. Yuppie gentrifiers do not have to be tolerated. It is not only possible, it is necessary, to fight back.



Québec Ministry of Public Security vehicles attacked

November 2013

“Recently, we paid a visit to the parking lot of the Ministry of Public Security of Quebec at 600 Fullum, and doused their official vehicles with paint stripper and slashed the tires.

The Ministry of Public Security of Quebec is responsible for, among other things, overseeing the municipal and provincial police and provincial prisons. Ultimately, it is the ministry that is responsible for all aspects of the conditions of imprisonment in Quebec – from the conduct of the police to the items available in canteen.

As we write this, there are two ongoing shows of resistance to the prison system in Canada. One is a hunger strike undertaken by detained immigrants in Ontario who are not accused of any crime, but are detained awaiting deportation proceedings.

Their demands include better treatment and an end to detention of immigrants without criminal charges. The hunger strike is now in its fifth week. The second is a work strike in many federal prisons across the country to protest the recent 30% pay cut for all federal prisoners. The government justifies the pay cut by claiming they are taking room and board from the prisoners. Not only do prisoners already have to work to maintain their own prisons but they will now have to pay to be imprisoned. This pay cut is part of a broader trend in which prisoners face worsening conditions – from longer sentences, stricter parole, double-bunking, and fewer programs in prison.

Solidarity to prisoners in struggle; for an end to all prisons and police. And to Youri and Guillaume, G20 prisoners, in Bordeaux provincial prison in Montreal.”



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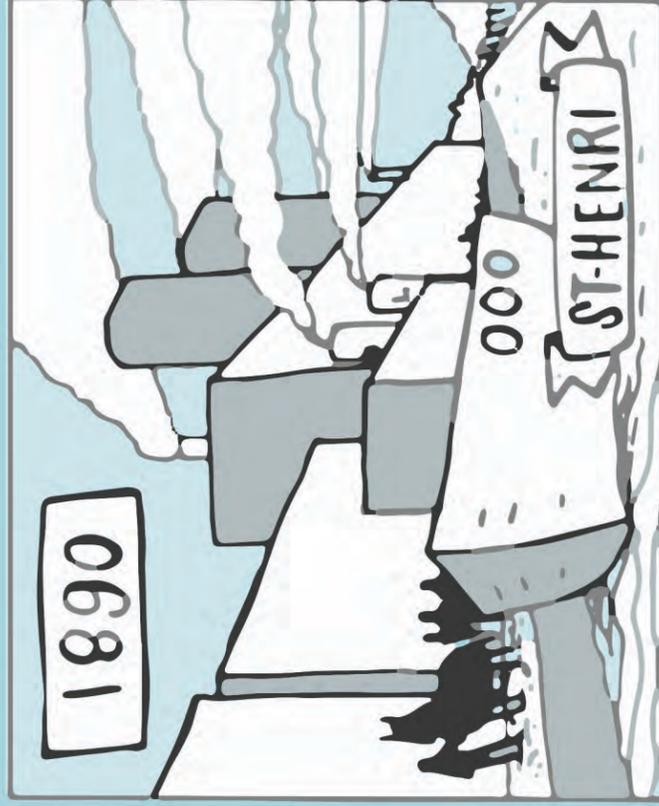
FOR A LITTLE UNWINDING BY THE STATE, WE MUST DEFEND LAND

SINCE LATE AUGUST 2016, THE GITWILGYOOTS HEREDITARY CHIEF AND LAND DEFENDERS HAVE SET UP A CAMP ON LAX U'U'LA (LELU ISLAND). PETRONAS AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST LNG ARE PLANNING ON BUILDING AN \$11 BILLION LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PLANT AT THE MOUTH OF THE SKEENA RIVER. THIS PLANT WILL BE FED BY 3 LNG PIPELINES, INCLUDING ONE PROPOSED TO CROSS THROUGH GITXSAN TERRITORY, AND WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING RESISTED BY THE GITXSAN PEOPLE AT CAMP MADILI LI.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, COMMUNITIES HAVE SUSTAINED THEMSELVES BY THE PLENTIFUL OFFERINGS FROM THE SKEENA RIVER AND SURROUNDING TERRITORIES. THESE PROJECTS THREATEN TO DESTROY ANY ABILITY TO LIVE FREE AND OFF OF THE LAND, AS OPPOSED CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. COLONIZATION BROUGHT THE NEAR EXTINCTION OF THE PRAIRIE BUFFALO, AND IF WE DON'T FIGHT, THE WILD PACIFIC SALMON WILL FOLLOW.

THE CANADIAN STATE IS INVESTING IN RESOURCE EXTRACTION PROJECTS ALL ACROSS SO-CALLED CANADA. THESE PIPELINES, MINES, FRACKED GASLANDS, AND RAILROAD EXPANSIONS ARE NOT INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS—THEY ARE ALL PART OF THE SAME EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SOCIETY AND LIFESTYLE THAT IS DEPENDENT ON DWINDLING NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTINUED COLONIZATION.

1890-2016: LOUIS CYR, THE POLICE, AND THE GENTRIFICATION OF ST. HENRI



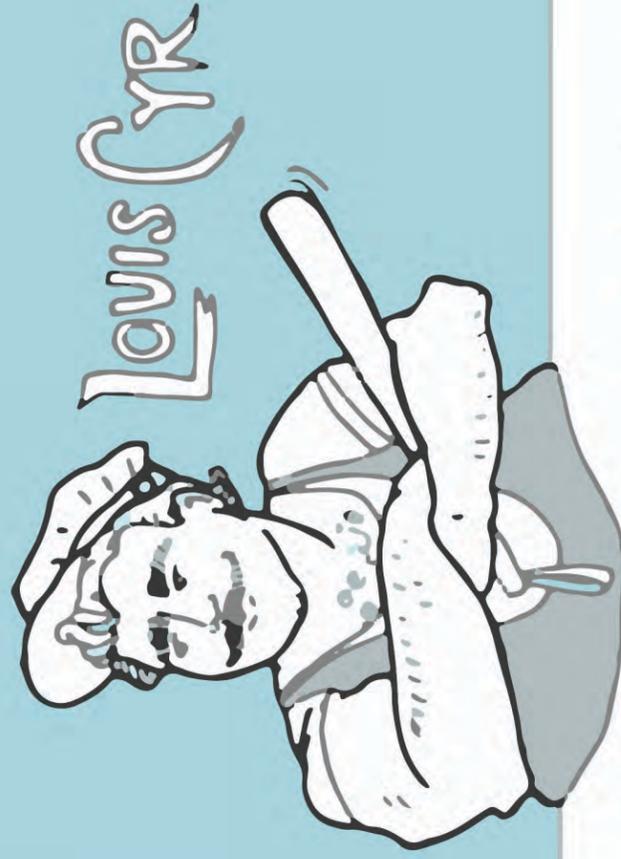
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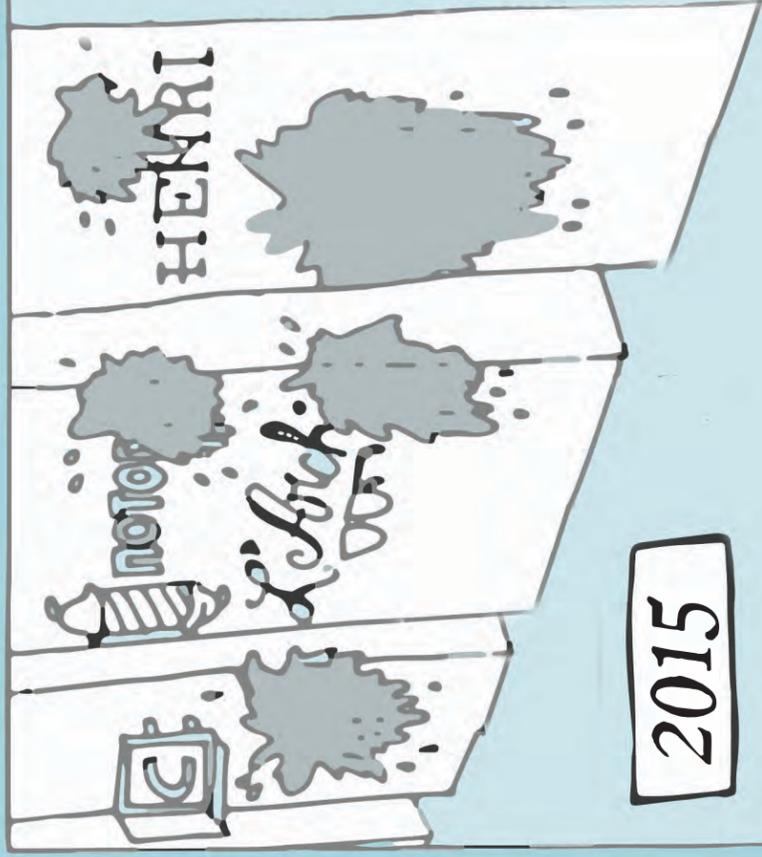
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These laws were met with considerable resistance. In fact, one night Cyr tried to arrest a member of the Gang des Bleus, a local street gang, and was jumped by the arrestees comrades and beaten unconscious. Cyr resigned from the police force shortly thereafter. Today in St-Henri, we're still struggling against the yuppie businesses, the property owners, and the police, because they're all complicit in the systematic exclusion of 'undesirable' residents.



... Their presence raises rent, chases out affordable stores, and contributes nothing to the social needs of the neighbourhood. And what's more, there are even more police present to protect them! So, the resistance to the police and gentrification continues. In 2016, a yuppie grocery store on Notre Dame was looted for thousands of dollars worth of food, which was then redistributed in the neighbourhood.

In response to the vandalism of his businesses, Corey Shapiro has asked undercover police to surveil L'Archive and Campanelli, and proposed to businesses on Notre Dame to hire private security. How ironic that Campanelli had a mural of Louis Cyr painted on their business! The mural has already been vandalized several times. The struggle of 1890 continues....



Rail Lines Blocked in Solidarity with Indigenous Communities in Conflict with the State

“ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 8TH, 2014, eight train lines running through Montreal were blocked by disrupting the rail signals.

This action was done in response to ongoing efforts of colonization and repression by the state against indigenous communities across Turtle Island. Colonization and its enforcers are responsible for the missing and murdered indigenous women who have lost their lives as a result of this racist, imperialist society. This action was done in solidarity with recent and ongoing efforts of different communities to honor the lives of these women and to disable the capacity of their assassins.

Rebels, indigenous folk and workers alike have targeted the train lines as an apt means for disrupting the flow of capital and these systems of domination. Historically and presently the railways have acted as a necessary toll for imperialism and colonization.

CN has chosen to build its infrastructure across indigenous territory as another act of stealing land from autonomous communities.

As anarchists we are invested in contributing to an active disruption of domination and state power. Strength and love to those facing ongoing repression for their actions, and to the families and loved ones of those lost in this war.”



Some anarchists



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A People's History of St-Henri



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Fast forward to the 1990s and St-Henri is still contested terrain. With new condos going up in old factories, fancy coffee shops opening up on Notre Dame, and surveillance cameras popping up like flowers, the neighbourhood is also not changing without a fight.

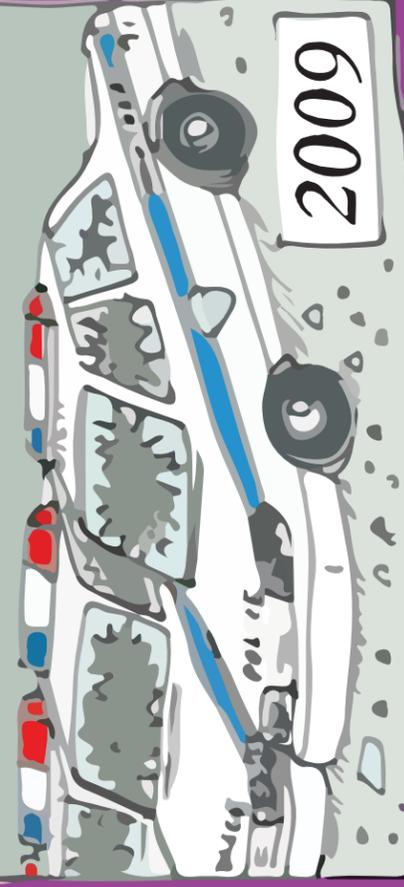
Local organizations like POPIR have organized demos in support of social housing while groups like Mobilisation Turcot resist the latest round of expropriations related to the expansion of the 720 highway.

Political sabotage has also become a tactic in the neighbourhood fight against gentrification and the increased cop presence and surveillance that comes with it. This sabotage brings up questions that were prevalent in the 1890s about public space and what it is used for...

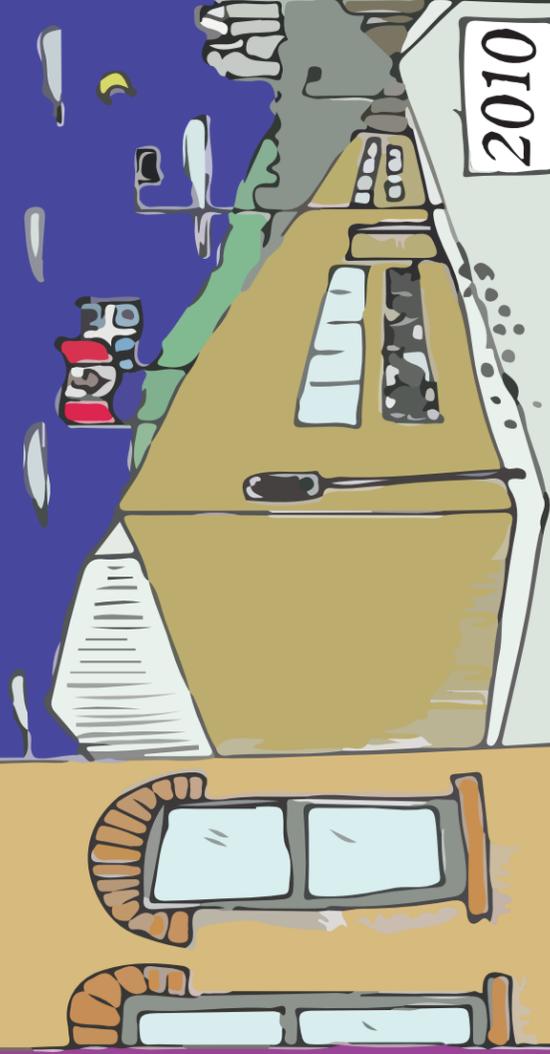


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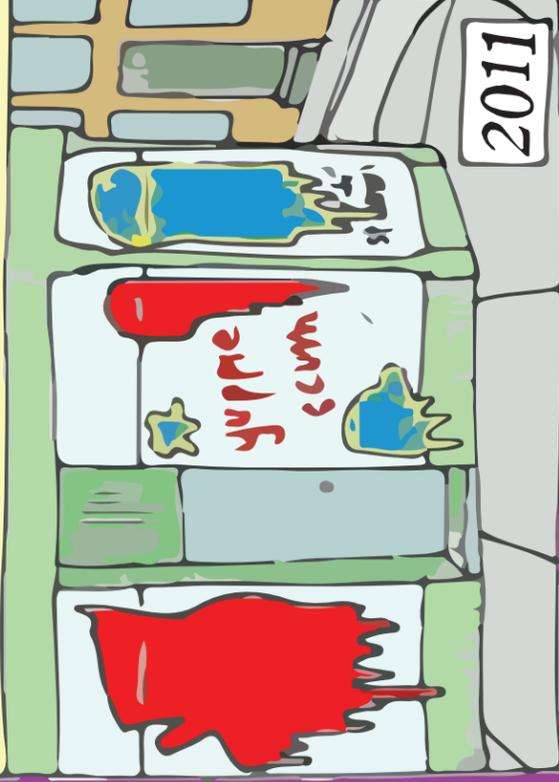
In the lead up to the annual Anti-Police Brutality Demo in 2009, 11 cop cars had their windows and computers smashed in Little Burgundy, the neighbourhood just west of St. Henri.



In the aftermath of the G20, the Federal Building on Rose-de-Lima that houses the RCMP and CBSA among other things, had its windows smashed.



Since 2011, Cafe St-Henri on rue Notre Dame has been painted, graffitied and had its windows scratched with the words 'Yuppie Scum'.



The presence of yuppie stores raises rent, chases out affordable stores, and contributes nothing to the social needs of the neighbourhood. So, the resistance to the police and gentrification continues. In 2015, a group wearing masks undertook a joyous vandalism rampage, smashing the windows of several gentrifying businesses, including Notorious and Campanelli. In 2016, a yuppie grocery store on Notre Dame was looted for thousands of dollars worth of food, which was then redistributed in the neighbourhood.

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COME ON, FRIENDS – TO THE BARRICADES AGAIN 

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A night scene of a riot. In the center, a fire burns brightly on a sidewalk. A group of people, some wearing dark clothing and hoods, are gathered around the fire and in the background. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and the fire itself. The ground is covered in snow. In the foreground, a silver car is partially visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is chaotic and violent.

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