

## J. R. Lavigne's grocery store Central to life in Lac-Mercier

If this building—built at the beginning of the 20th century—could talk, it would have a great deal to say. Its century-old walls heard the Lac-Mercier news starting in the era of Adélard Richer, the village's first grocer. From the 1920s and for several decades thereafter, the grocery-butcher store was operated by J. Romain Lavigne, who was also mayor of Mont-Tremblant (as was Adélard Richer) and postmaster. On foot, in horse-drawn carriages, by boat or by automobile, residents and vacationers came here to buy their provisions, fill up their gas tanks, get their mail and exchange the latest news.

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Tourists photographed in front of J. Romain Lavigne's grocery store, probably at the end of the 1920s.

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