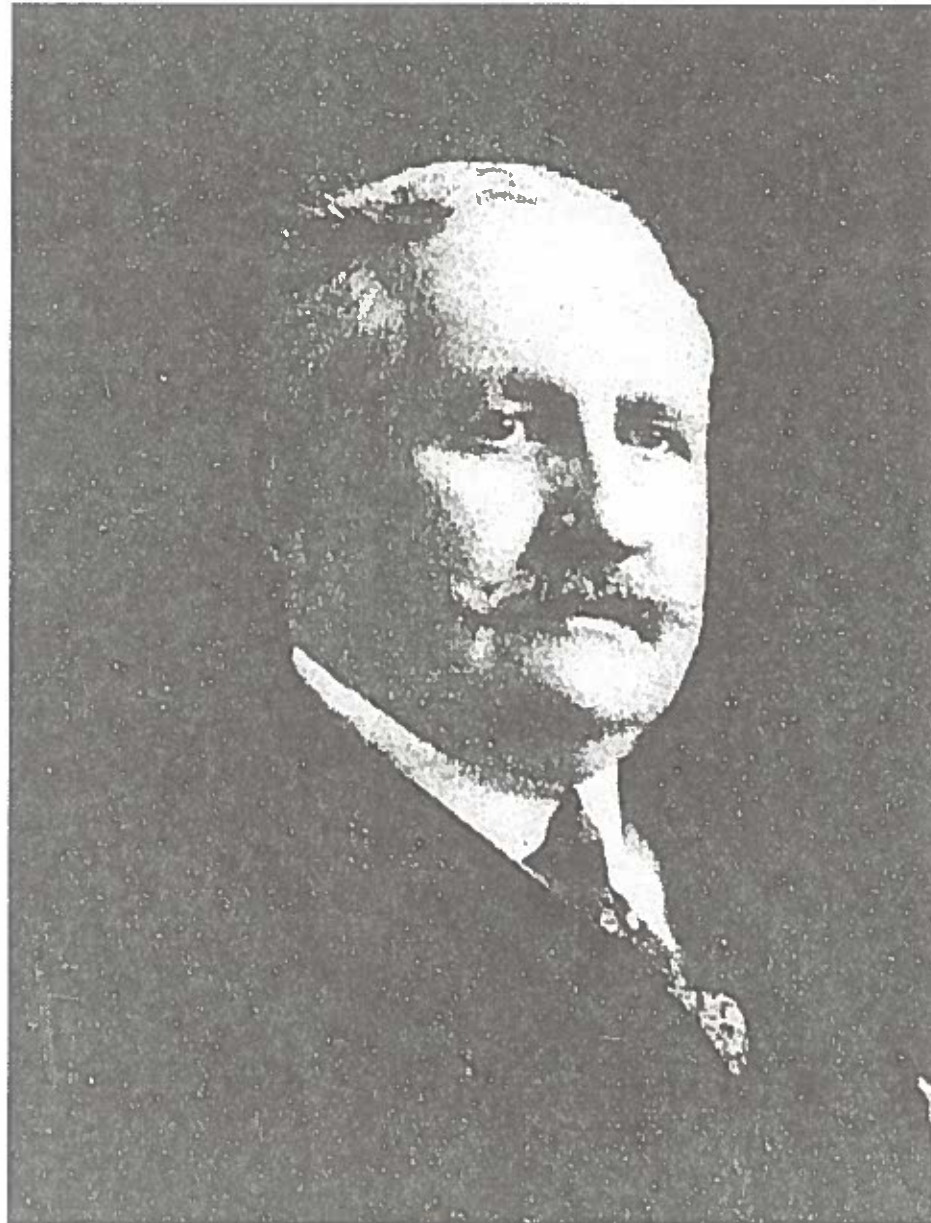


# GEORGE CAVERHILL

## *Business*



*Inducted: 2003  
Years at GCI & VS:  
1872 - 1875*

George Caverhill was born on October 18, 1858, and attended Tassie's School while living directly across Water Street in the building which is now called Caverhill Manor. After graduating in 1875, he attended McGill University in Montreal. One year later he had to choose between continuing his formal education or entering the firm of Caverhill, Learmont and Company, his family's wholesale hardware company. George chose to enter the hardware business starting as a clerk. From these beginnings he spent time in every department of his father's and uncle's business. Upon the deaths of his father and uncle in 1882, George and his brother, Frank, took over the operations of the company.

His brother died in 1897 and George Caverhill became the president of the company. The company never put anything on credit, paying cash for all of its transactions. In this way they took advantage of the discounts that their suppliers offered. The employees of the company were tremendously loyal with many of them spending their entire working lives at Caverhill Learmont. George ran the company until his death in 1937 at which time his son, George Rutherford Caverhill, became the president. The company still distributes fasteners and wholesale hardware throughout Canada. The building that housed Caverhill Learmont has been sold and has been refurbished as an elegant condominium.

Mr. Caverhill was a respected businessman in the city of Montreal and he became one of the richest men in the Dominion of Canada. His influence was obvious in many areas of the Montreal business

community. He was at one time a director of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, the Bell Telephone Company, the Canada Steamship Lines, the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, the Montreal Tramways Company, the Montreal Trust Company, the Dominion Steel Company and the Montreal Island Power Company. Mr. Caverhill was also the Vice President and then President of the Montreal Board of Trade, President of the Montreal Hardware Association and Vice President of Canadian Cottons Limited. He was received by King Edward VII at Windsor Castle in 1905. Throughout his life Mr. Caverhill was noted for his generosity to the community and its charities and for his involvement in many social and business ventures in the city of Montreal.

THE  
STAIRWAY OF  
EXCELLENCE