



The result is that this city is one of the most beautiful architecturally, notwithstanding a degree of rawness and, in places, a certain unbalanced appearance which many of even the most prominent streets present. This aspect is due not so much to the unimproved state of the streets as to the collection of structures inseparable from the city's development, which, in any case, are of high and excellent quality.

Twenty or more years ago the Masonic | During the past fifteen or more years, | fronted, was contemporary in the city, | most beautiful capitals in the world.