

the City is approached, the scene is one of much interest; if from the St. Lawrence, the splendid towers of the Cathedral, the tall spires of Christ Church, St. Patrick's Church and several others; the elegant front of the Bonsecours Market, and the long ranges of cut-stone buildings which front the River, form at once a *tout ensemble* which is perhaps unequalled in any other American City. And although the prospects from the land side are not quite so imposing, they are all agreeable, and that from the Côte des Neiges road, (which crosses the spur of the Mountain that overlooks the City,) is, taken all together, one of the finest in this part of the world.

The population of the City is something over 50,000, and the number of inhabited houses about 6,500; it is divided into nine wards, and is municipally governed by a Mayor, Aldermen, and Council elected by householders, who pay an annual rent of \$45 or upwards.

The climate, although severe in winter, is exceedingly conducive to health and longevity, and the average mortality is much less than in many other cities of North America.

The Public Buildings are both numerous and elegant; and include many which are particularly worthy of notice, among which we may enumerate:

