

VIEW OF MONTREAL:

FROM ST. HELENS ISLAND.

THE plate in the present number of the GARLAND will, we think, be acceptable to our readers. It is a striking and truthful view of our Island City, as seen from St. Helens, or on approaching it by the river.

Montreal presents to the eye of the stranger a noble spectacle, with its massive and spacious buildings—its towering spires—and its magnificent harbour, which is unequalled in America, and probably unsurpassed in any thing but extent, in the world.

Nothing, perhaps, can better illustrate the rapidly increasing commercial importance of Montreal, than a comparison of our harbour now, with the aspect it presented some ten years ago. Then, it required no inconsiderable share of hardihood, to venture into its neighbourhood, even when obeying the call of business—now, it is the favourite resort of thousands, attracted thither by the pleasure of traversing its noble pathway, inhaling the fresh breeze from the river, in summer, and admiring the scene before them, gay with sheet and pennon, and busy with the commerce of a great and a growing country—an industrious and frugal people.

Montreal possesses all that is requisite for a great commercial city—excellent natural position; easy and rapid communication with the interior of a fertile and almost boundless country; wealthy, enlightened and enterprising inhabitants. These advantages have sustained it during a lengthened season of nearly unexampled depression, in the course of which it has continued to advance and improve so rapidly that it is difficult to believe such adverse influences have been at work. Now that the crisis is passed, and the prospects of the country—agricultural and commercial—have begun to recover their elasticity and vigour, we may safely anticipate for our favoured city a still more rapid progress. With the improvements which are yearly introduced, and the additions to the inhabitants, by emigration from the Mother Country, it can scarcely be doubted that Montreal will take a position scarcely second to that of any other city on this continent.

In addition to the numerous other advantages it possesses, it is probable that Montreal will, in the course of a short time, be made the seat of the Canadian government; a change that will impart to it additional importance; and as we believe it to be already an object of interest to the Canadian people, sufficient to induce them to prize a representation of it, we flatter ourselves that the View which we are enabled to lay before them will meet with their approbation. The

drawing is the work of a gentleman whose talents are well known, and justly appreciated by his fellow citizens, who are indebted to him for many spirited and truthful representations of Canadian Scenery.

THE NEW POST-OFFICE REGULATION,
AS IT WILL AFFECT THE GARLAND.

It is our duty to announce to the patrons of the GARLAND, the long-expected change in the Post-Office arrangements with respect to the forwarding of periodicals, and which will render necessary a corresponding change in our arrangements with subscribers.

This change, we are glad to say, will not be of a serious nature. The postage on each number will be threepence, and will be payable by subscribers; but as the yearly charge will be reduced to fifteen shillings, the difference to the reader will not be worth a thought. Some there are, doubtless, who would prefer that no change should take place. To these we have to remark that a remittance in advance of seventeen shillings and sixpence, will ensure the magazine, prepaid as heretofore. Those who have already forwarded their subscriptions will receive the GARLAND exactly as if no change whatever had been made, as the publishers will apply the sum remitted over the new rate of subscription, to the payment of the postage. We will be glad to see the number multiplied to any extent, of those who wish the trouble of paying postage taken off their hands!

OUR NEW VOLUME.

THE number of the GARLAND, being the first of the volume, will be forwarded for the inspection of persons who are supposed to take an interest in Canadian literature, but who are not yet subscribers. We invite their examination of it, and will be happy to receive their orders to continue to forward it. The expenses of the publication render necessary a large subscription list, and as it is the only magazine in British North America which has ever obtained a permanent footing, we think we are entitled to ask for it the support of the country. It has long been a labour of love with us to endeavour to make it worthy of the support we claim; and we think there are few who, if asked, would not willingly befriend it to the trifling extent desired—the more especially as it is pretty generally acknowledged to be excellent value for the small sum at which it is offered. We trust we shall have a large addition to the subscription list of the volume now begun.