



CITY OF MONTREAL, AS IT APPEARED IN 1803
(FROM SOUTH SHORE)

MONTREAL, a hundred years ago, was a little settlement on the bank of the St. Lawrence. One famous book on old Montreal (published as late as 1839), tells us that Notre Dame Street was 1344 yards long, and that from the Champ de Mars one might enjoy the fine view of the "orchards and country homes towards the mountain". We also read that Craig Street was destined to be a wonderful place, "if ever it should be lined on both sides with houses like some few that are in it".

From this we see that the whole City of that day was between Craig Street and the River, the old historical part of Montreal.

In another volume, published in 1807, the writer gives us the following sidelight on Travelling Conditions . . .

"The Canadian Calash is a very sorry vehicle, compared to the English post-chaise; nor are the Auberges quite so comfortable as English inns".

