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BEING about to approach the conclusion of the general history of Montreal, in so far as we are enabled at present to prolong it, the events, as is always the case when we happen to be placed too near the scene of their occurrence, naturally begin to diminish both in number and importance. Our readers should, however, do us the justice to remember, that the field which we have adopted for the detail of our present researches is a limited and partial one,—that we are not giving a history of Canada, which would afford us employment for years, but merely of one of her cities, which has necessarily restricted our narrative to occurrences that either bore directly upon our subject, or were of such a character, from their very nature, as ultimately to lead to some important event in the history of that City. If, therefore, from the period embraced by our last chapter to that in which those serious events originated which led to the last American war, we are unable to note any remarkable pieces of public history as being more immediately connected with Montreal than any other part of the Province, it is because they have not come to our knowledge with that degree of interest which could justify us in bestowing upon them more attention than it is our intention they shall receive in the more particular delineation