

CHAPTER XIV.

*Montreal.—Rascoe's Hotel.—Review.—Climate.—
Conclusion.*

ALTHOUGH a little fatigued with his rough journey from St. John's to La Prairie, Henry still enjoyed his trip across the River St. Lawrence. Montreal is the second town of importance upon this beautiful river: it is situated on an island thirty miles in length and ten in breadth, and derives its name from a very high mountain, called by the French, Mountreal, or Royal Mountain. This populous and great commercial city is 170 miles from Quebec. The exterior of the houses have a heavy and inelegant appearance: their roofs are covered with tin plates, in lieu of slates or shingles, and many of them have sheet-iron shutters and doors, as a protection in cases of fire, which are of frequent occurrence in this city; but if the exterior be sombre, the interior of the houses is furnished with great elegance and comfort, and the inhabitants are renowned