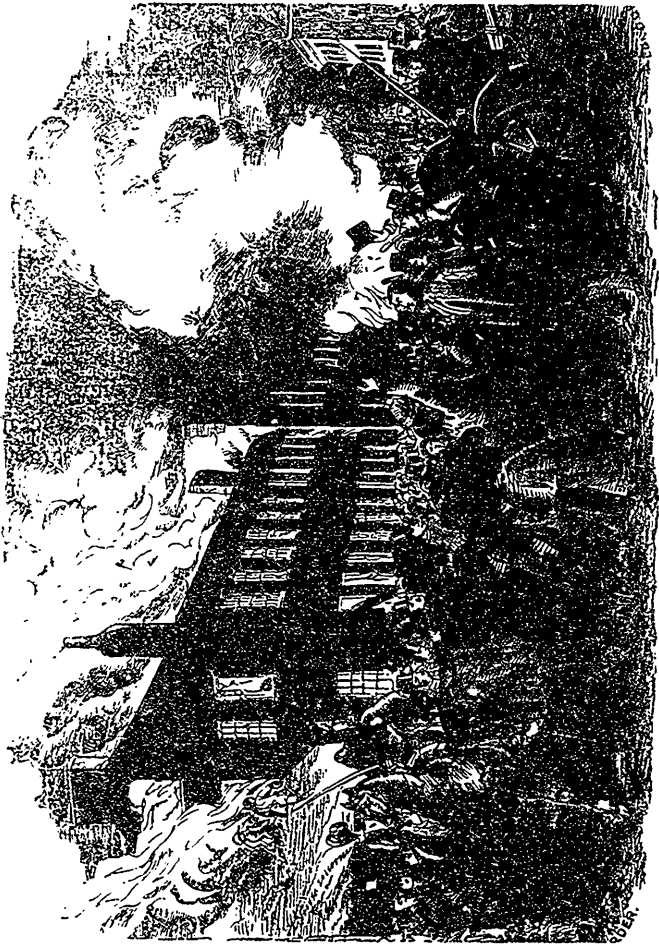


remain, point to a time when the inhabitants had to provide against the assaults of enemies or the torch of the incendiary ; or, still more distant, to the early wars between the Indian tribes and the first settlers. These ancient buildings are nearly all destroyed, and their site is now occupied by palatial stores



BURNING THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, 1849.

and dwellings, in almost every style of architecture. A quarter of a century of active development has passed, and to-day Montreal stands second to no city upon the continent for the solidity and splendour of buildings erected for commercial and other purposes, and in the extent of accommodation at the