

MONTREAL.

The Island of Montreal, upon which the largest and most populous city of Canada is built, lies at the mouth of the Ottawa River, at its junction with the St. Lawrence. The Ottawa comes down from the North-west, and sweeps round the Island, forcing the St. Lawrence to the South side. The waters of the two do not mingle together for a distance of 80 miles. The Island is rich and fertile, and was a favorite hunting ground of the Huron Indians, who had a fortified village at Hochelaga, near where the City of Montreal stands. The name of this village has given the title to a delightful volume on Canada, by the late Major Warburton. The City stands at the base of Mount Royal, a magnificent hill wooded to the summit, on the slopes of which many of the merchants have erected splendid residences, and from which delightful views are obtained of the magnificent river and the surrounding campaign, which stretches away for miles till it is dimmed by distance, or lost in the horizon. The mountain is intersected by a steep road, leading to the pleasant little village of Côte-des-Neiges, and from the western side the eye scans the Lachine rapids, and Ste. Anne's, where Moore wrote the celebrated boat song. The City is tolerably regularly built, and already possesses