4 A SHORT SKETCH ON MONTREAL

It has a very large port and contains a number of spiendid steamboats. Its wharfs are well built and offer every modern convenience that ocean vessels might require. L'ile aux Millions, now a peninsula which very soon will be transformed into a beautiful wharf, runs along the middle of the river and is nearly a mile long; its elevators at present under construction are to be of enormous size and will have a capacity for millions of bushels of grain.

Its Victoria bridge, nearly two miles long, 60 feet wide, with a height of over 100 feet above the river, is undoubtedly a marvel of civil engineering and genius. It has a double railroad, a double carriage way, and a double road for bicycles, pedestrians and electric cars. Notwithstanding its massive construction and weight it retains an elegant appearance. The bridge rests on 24 huge piers. The bridge affords the most interesting standpoint from which the port may be seen. and from the view it affords you may form an idea of the gigantic works going on at the expense of the Canadian Government with the view of making Montreal the national port, and of offering access to the largest ships crossing the ocean.

The city is very regular; St. James, Notre Dame, Commissioners, Craig, St. Catherine, Ontario and Sherbrooke streets varying in length from 8 to 12 miles traverse it in its greatest length from east to west; Guy, Mountain, Bleurg, St. Lawrence, St. Denis, Amherst, Papinean, Delorimier, etc., 4 to 8 miles long, cross it in its widest extent from south to north.

The principal commercial streets are: Commissioners, St. Paul, St. James, Notre Dame, Craig, McGill, Bleury, St. Lawrence, St. Catherine, and Ontario, which rival in beauty, each having its own characteristic features.