

forms one of the chief defences of the place. On the summit of a hill over two hundred and fifty feet above the level of the sea stands the citadel, a fortress of great strength, overlooking the harbor and City, and commanding the country for many miles around. Experienced Engineers say that its elevation is too great to admit of ships' guns, of calibre however large, making any serious impression upon its massive walls.

MELVILLE ISLAND, Etc.

In the centre of a little cove, on the Western side of the Northwest Arm by which the Southern and Southwestern suburbs of the City are bounded, is MELVILLE ISLAND. During the continuance of the long war with France, and the more brief struggle with the United States in 1812, this little islet was selected and appropriated by the British Government as the gloomy abode of unfortunate prisoners of war. On a somewhat elevated slope to the Southward we trace the burial ground attached to the establishment, at the present shrouded in a thick growth of stunted trees. Among the very few natural curiosities,—freaks of nature,—visible in the neighborhood of the Peninsula, about five miles from the head of the Arm, is a huge piece of granite, resting upon a strata of the same, that rises to the surface of the ground, and moveable upon a pivot of 12 x 6 in., and undulating from E.N.E. to W.S.W. Its estimated weight is one hundred and sixty-two tons.

THE CITY AND SUBURBS.

THE CITY and its suburbs, north and south, extend ever two miles, but in width barely reach, at any point, an half-mile. On the original plan there were eight streets, of which two only reach the Southern, and three the Northern extremity of the town. These were intersected by fifteen others. From time to time within the last twenty years many more have been opened by private enterprise, in the division, sub-division and sale of lands lying outside the town. The system, if we may so properly term it, progresses not rapidly but

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