

was then unspanned by bridge, and its current was unvexed, save by a few small craft, that dropped their anchors in the stream, and discharged their cargoes in scows along the muddy shore. Then the English-speaking element was small, and divided by rivalry and jealousy among themselves. How complete the contrast now!

Montreal contains over 108,000 people; her factories and warehouses mainly occupy the lower grounds, and her residences and churches spread along the higher level, and stretch far up the mountain sides. The river, though unchanged in volume, has been doubled in depth of channel and carrying capacity, and now bears some of the finest shipping in the world to our long and solid wharves.

Our city is enlarging her channels of water communication toward the West, and reaching out with iron fingers to the great central plains, and onward to the rich Pacific coast. Beautiful for situation, possessing advantages already great, and constantly increasing, for both commercial and productive enterprise, Montreal is steadily advancing to a high position among the cities of the Western world. Its religious progress has more than kept pace with its material prosperity. When this church was founded, there were four Protestant congregations in the city. Now there are forty, or more, places where services are regularly conducted, and if mission stations, of which there were at that time none, are included, fifty may easily be counted. While, therefore, the population has in-