

Railway Depots for the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways, a spacious and handsome new Gothic church for the Methodists, and several splendid blocks or buildings for offices, including new offices for two Life Insurance Companies, the New York and the Imperial; while a new building for the law courts, nearly opposite the present building, which has become too small for present requirements, is soon to be erected. Montreal has at present about 145 miles of streets. Between the years 1878 and 1886, no less than fifteen miles 165 yards of sewers were laid down by the city, making a total of ninety miles of sewers existing. One of the most important acquisitions for the city was the purchase by the Corporation, between the years 1872 and 1875, of Mount Royal, and laying it out with drives as a public park, the cost to date being \$622,337. The Mountain, which stands alone in the wide river plain, is some 550 feet in height. It is ascended by a winding carriage road, by a series of about 427 steps for foot passengers, and by an elevator. The winding road opens up to the public two very beautiful vistas, one looking down the valley of the St. Lawrence with its many islands, and the other giving a view of the Lake of Two Mountains, whilst in the far distance the Green Mountains of Vermont and a portion of the Adirondacks are plainly discernible on a clear day. This drive is acknowledged by visitors to be by far the most beautiful of any park on this Continent.

GOVERNMENT, POPULATION, REVENUE AND ASSESSMENT.

Montreal is governed by a mayor and city council composed of thirty-six aldermen. It returns three members to the Federal Parliament and three to the Provincial and is the largest and wealthiest city in the Dominion of Canada.

The vast increase in the population of Montreal City goes on with each year, and is stimulated by the accession to the limits of large tracts of territory and thousands of persons who, while residing in suburban municipalities adjacent, are employed during the day at business in the city. In area, the city has increased on every side, the smaller municipalities having yielded to the natural law of gravitation and been absorbed into the larger body. Whereas at her incorporation she covered an area of 3498 acres, she now includes within her borders an area of 5366 acres, including 1230 acres added by the annexation of the municipality of Hochelaga in 1885; 308 acres by the annexation of St. Jean Baptiste in 1886, and 340 acres by that of St. Gabriel in 1887. These accessions to the city limits were severally formed into wards, making with the ward of St. James which had been previously added by the subdivision of the other wards, twelve wards in all into which the city is now subdivided. But it is not in the matter of actual acreage covered that the city has shown the most conspicuous progress. What were, but a few years since, open fields and pastures have become the populous sections of St. Antoine, St. Ann's, St. Mary's and St. James Wards, while the East, Centre and West Wards, constituting the city mercantile, have within the same