

INDUSTRIAL QUEBEC

Quebec Province are French speaking, it follows that the great majority of the retail merchants and other dealers of the province are French speaking.

The following figures show this proportion :

Grocers . . .	Total, 3188	English, 386.	French, 2802
General Store-keepers	3831.	English, 726.	French, 3105
Hardware Dealers	462.	English, 125.	French, 335
Druggist	318.	English, 68.	French, 250
Dry Goods Dealers	1490.	English, 214.	French, 1276

The population of Montreal contains all the elements of a first class metropolitan city. The wage-earners are well paid and happy, and, as an evidence of its wealth and ability to keep the wage-earning class busy, there are over 100 millionaires, residing within its borders, interesting themselves and spending their vast wealth in various ways to develop the city of which they have a right to be proud.

Montreal's Expansion

The assessment rating of any city is a pretty good indication as to its growth or otherwise. We find that the assessment of Montreal in 1911 increased 150 million dollars over the year 1910 and that the taxes collected showed an increase of over half a million dollars. This is due largely to the rapid growth and development of the city.

Montreal has a population of 700,000 and is growing at the rate of 50,000 a year and has the largest birth rate of any of the world's largest cities. Its rapid growth during the past ten years has caused amazement even in the great American cities, some of which have been outdistanced by this great metropolis.

Statistics also show that the increase in Canada's population during the last ten years was 32%. Eastern Canada showing an increase of 17%. Contrast these figures with Montreal's 70.3% and you have the proof that the growth of the metropolis is far above the average.

Every year Montreal is adding to its population a city larger than London, Ont., or Halifax or St. John, N. B., or Calgary, or Regina or Victoria. Every two years its increase is greater than the population of Hamilton or Ottawa.