

THE MONTGOMERY MONUMENT CONTROVERSY

THE proposed erection, at Quebec, of a monument to General Richard Montgomery, has aroused a good deal of controversy in the Canadian press.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto passed a resolution which has been sent to the press throughout Canada, accompanied by a strong protest, against the erection of the proposed monument. A lady belonging to the Society sent a copy of the resolution and the protest to Mr. John Reade, of the *Montreal Gazette*, and wrote as follows to explain the position taken by the Society on this question of real importance :

“ I am sending you a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of our society on the report of an “ international monument proposed to be erected, in the public square at Quebec, to general Montgomery ”. The feeling is very strong against it, both men and women treating the idea as preposterous—so much so that many will scarcely credit that the promoters have any ground for supposing such an act would be considered by the Government for a moment.

“ Lately, when the Michigan Central Railway asked for a lease of eighty acres on the Niagara frontier to enlarge their track space, etc.—they doubtless asked for it as waste land—and only those who knew the locality could tell that the waste land included the remains of Fort George, about whose memories so thrilling a page of our history has been written, and the loyalty and devotion of a small people in the face of a greater, has laid the foundation of our now boasted Imperial unity. But when they were notified of the fact by an earnest protest from the historical societies, no