

INTRODUCTION

A Handy Guide containing a complete and convenient map of the City of Montreal, together with a concise and useful book of information for its numerous visitors has long been needed. It is true there already exists several Guide Books of Montreal and its suburbs, but none so far can be termed a "Handy Book of Information on Montreal." The majority of them are too voluminous, too bulky, to be handled easily; the others too historical, too much documentary or descriptive to be at hand to the busy stranger who steps in the Canadian metropolis and wants useful pointers on a thousand and one different subjects, and at every hour of the day.

We hope this Guide and specially prepared Map, which by the way is the most complete and up-to-date map that has ever been published in Montreal, will both fill a long-felt want.

True, it is, as in the days of the Preacher, that "of making many books (of Montreal) there is no end," but in the region of local literature it is hoped that there is more than a vacant corner for a modern, accurate, and reliable Handy Guide, which, while avoiding the Scylla of shallow cheapness and superficiality, shall yet steer clear of the Charybis of extravagant cost.

With this hope, this modern, and it is believed, fairly complete, volume is sent forth to sue for the favor of the many thousands visiting the City of Montreal, the Metropolis of Canada.

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