

A SHORT SKETCH

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MONTREAL

Montreal was founded in 1642 by Maisonneuve at the foot of Mount Royal whence it takes its name, and is, to-day, the largest, richest, most commercial, populous, and beautiful city in Canada.

Its early developments (1642-1690) were successful only by dint of great perseverance and many sacrifices made by our forefathers, for many a desperate battle did they engage against a most barbarous and sanguinary tribe of savages, the Iroquois.

Incorporated in 1832, it now rivals in importance with the chief cities of the United States, and in beauty with many European cities of fame.

Its site is uncommon with its round mountain whose large reservoir ornaments it as a diamond does a jewel. The majestic St. Lawrence flowing by, its side is furrowed by hundreds of boats of all sizes and varieties, from the smallest pleasure boat to the largest ocean steamer of enormous tonnage, real floating palaces. Montreal presents many admirable points of view: from its two platforms on Mount Royal and the summit of its tower built on the highest point of the mountain you may view all the different parts of the city and the neighbouring countries. The central and western parts appear to be built in the heart of a thick forest. No important point escape the eye, you dominate all, being at an altitude of more than 700 feet above the river.

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