

commerce, they are familiar with. So are they, more or less, with the more populous residential quarters, where seclusiveness and man's inherent love of a peaceful, restful home have succeeded so far in resisting the invasion of trade. But it is only Little Montreal that is comprised within the thirteen wards of the city corporation. Montreal really extends far beyond its municipal limits. The men who do the business of the city, who have brought to Montreal the trade of half a continent, are looking beyond the limits of the city for homes. Although man is pre-eminently a sociable animal, he prefers an isolated dwelling, if he can acquire it. He is neighborly, but he prefers a home surrounded by flower gardens rather than one hemmed in by the houses of his neighbors, as in the confined city. So, when a man has acquired the means to provide himself with an ideal residence and is not prepared to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a site to build it on, he has to go beyond the city limits for a location. So it comes that the country contiguous to the busy city, is the home of thousands of Montrealers. It appears to be only a question of time before the whole of this fertile island can fairly be described as Greater Montreal.

What fairer country on earth either, than this great district so rapidly being dotted with the homes of Montreal people! Scenes of rural beauty there are to enchant the artist and inspire the poet, while historical associations cling to picturesque spots and quaint structures, to inspire the patriotism of the Canadian and excite the interest and the admiration of the stranger. If the people of Montreal have been comparatively ignorant of the natural beauties of the lovely country contiguous to their fair city, they have no excuse for continuing unenlightened any longer. Like many other good things we enjoy in this latter part of the nineteenth century, we owe this boon to that subtle power, that very latest and most up to date necromancer, electricity.

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