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There are few cities in the world where the spirit of modern progress is more active than in Montreal. As a centre of population and commercial activity it takes rank as the first among the cities of Canada; while its prospect of further growth is all but assured, not only on account of its geographical position, but from the trading intuitions of its people. The city is unique in its site and in its landscape surroundings—extending as it does from the mountain's slope to the water's edge, and spreading east and west like a broad irregular crescent of red and grey along the base of the mountain's southern aspect. The scene on a clear summer's day is one not to be forgotten; and those who have ever beheld it can hardly wonder that Jacques Cartier regarded the locality as one of the best he had seen in the country for a permanent settlement, though to his eye there was little to be seen from the summit of the mountain but the forest lands near and beyond the river he was the first of Europeans to navigate. Though since fostered by the commerce of the St. Lawrence into the dimensions of a large and growing mart, wherein awakes the daily-recurring din of an industry that prospers, the place has lost nothing of the picturesque that made the intrepid navigator's heart leap for joy; nay, has no doubt gained in beauty as a striking panorama that one never tires of