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City's Parks and Squares

Properly speaking there are no boulevards in the city of Montreal, but it is to the broad acres of its parks, its beautiful and artistic abundance of squares, that Montreal owes of her adulatory appellation, "The Garden City of Canada".

Mount Royal Park.—Mount Royal Park is not only Montreal's most magnificent park, but it is recognized as one of the most splendid parks of the world. It is visited daily, during the summer season, by hundreds of tourists from all parts of the globe. Its beautiful and romantic drives, balmy air, and matchless view from its lofty summit, will always have a fascination for the lovers of nature. To visit Montreal and not to have visited Mount Royal Park, is to have missed the principal attraction of our island city. We strongly advise visitors to pay a visit to this "paradise for weary humanity" The park might be reached either by the Mountain Elevator which connects with the top of Bleury street car line, or by a winding roadway or again by long flights of steps ascending from the head of Peel street and near the elevator. The park covers 460 acres and is one of the most beautifully situated in the world. Its natural advantages have been skilfully supplemented by the taste and experience of Mr. Olmsted, the designer of Central Park, New York. The mountain consists of a mass of trap-rock thrown up through the surrounding strata of limestone. From the top of the Incline Railway we reach out the Outlook Platform by taking the path to the left and then following the drive. It may also be remarked that a path beginning just on this side of the platform descends to the head of the Peel street steps. The view of the city and its environs from the platform is superb. Beyond the city flows the St. Lawrence, with the Island of St. Helen and the Victoria Bridge, one of the greatest modern specimens of engineering skill.