

P R E F A C E

Ideas like those expressed opposite have long had considerable currency. If they are of any practical value, the Mount Royal property gives a rare opportunity of turning them to business account in a special form of wealth for all of a large community. I have aimed to show in the following pages what has hitherto been in the way of it. When they were printed I had been in communication with no one in Montreal for upward of two years, and it is only since that I am informed of an entire change in the managing board of the property. I am yet ignorant of the motives of the change, and if what I have written touches any question of recent public discussion, or bears at all upon the present purposes or projects of any parties or persons, it is not of my intention.