

THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND OF MONTREAL.

What a change throughout all these places since their cradle in 1666, nay even within the past few years. Gone are the war canoes of the Indian brave, gone the bark thatched roofs of the settlers logcabin, the palisaded forts. This is the day of railways, steamboats, canoes, pleasure boats and yachts, gardens and lawns, squettish cottages and princely dwellings. Almost the whole line of shore on Lake St. Louis has become one of the most attractive summer resorts, combining with the ravishing beauties of nature, the convenient proximity of Montreal through the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways. Some thirty trains daily keep up a constant circulation to and from the city. Several of Montreal's wealthy men have erected their country villas. The Forest and Stream, as a country club, is perhaps unsurpassed on the continent of America. The St. Lawrence Yacht Club is the most extensive river club in the Province. Within the last few years, a marvellous growth is to be found in the value of real estate all along the shores of Lake St. Louis. River frontage is sold by the square foot. Who can foretell the Montreal island of twenty five years hence? It can be predicted within the bounds of probability, that the whole island will form but so many wards of one city, with no other boundaries than the waters which surround it. With Mount Royal in the centre, the noblest of rivers to the south, the Back River north wards, and a territorial tract of sufficient dimensions to permit of all the necessary embellishments and luxuries of a modern city, Montreal is destined to become the finest maritime city in the world.

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