

Industrial Quebec

Montreal

The industrial development of Quebec Province is so bound up in the city of Montreal that no history of Quebec's industrial progress would be complete without a history of Montreal.

Montreal was founded in the year 1641 by Sieur de Maisonneuve and is situated on the east side of Montreal Island at the head of navigation for the large ocean-going vessels.

Geographically, it occupies a unique position and it is therefore not to be wondered at that it has grown to be Canada's most populous city and greatest commercial and financial centre. It is to Canada what London is to Old England and New York to the United States of America.

Montreal has a most extensive harbor and water-front and controls the greater part of the trade with Western Canada. It is also the chief distributing centre for Canadian industries.

The commercial and industrial activities of Montreal provide occupation and income for a population that is increasing by tens of thousands every year and at the time of writing has passed the 700,000 mark.

The import and export trade of the whole of Canada, the great transportation system, the leading financial institutions and the general industrial and commercial interests of the Dominion are centered in Montreal and unite to support a population which is the key to the prosperity and consequent development of the whole of Canada.

As a manufacturing centre, Montreal ranks first in Canada and heads the list of products compared with the rest of Canada. In 1910 — when the last census returns were made — the city showed an increase in ten years of 145.81 per cent. The total value of products for the year 1910 being \$166,000,000, or a sum nearly equal to the total value of the grain raised in Western Canada.

Montreal is the city in which the progressive manufacturer and business man should establish his trade and in which, if he takes the right course, he will find the