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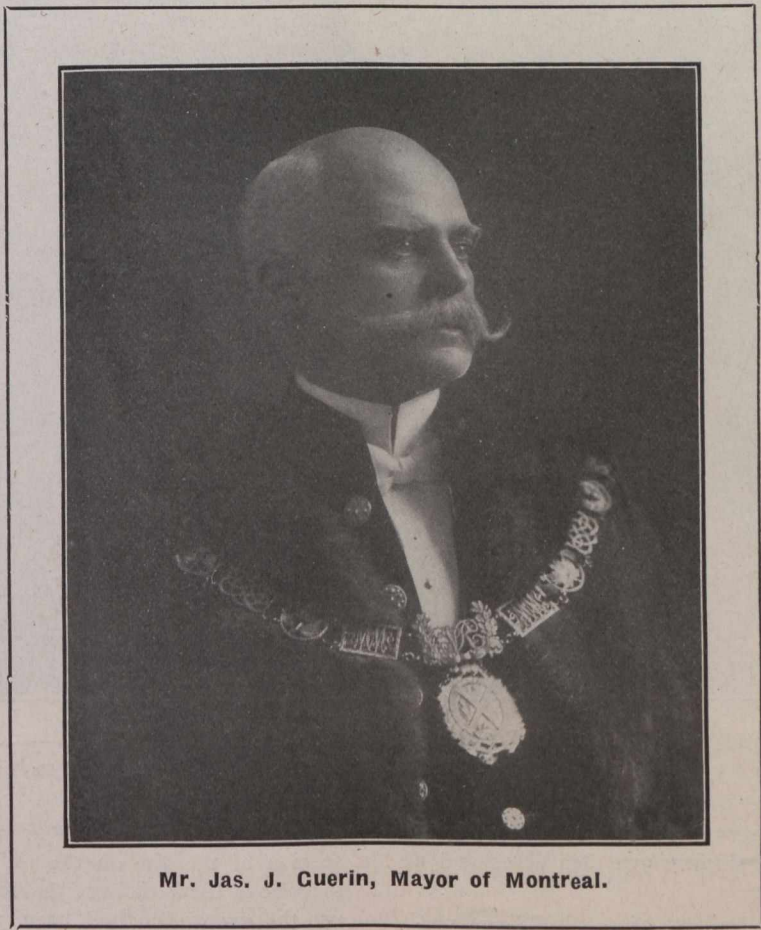
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MONTREAL.

Montreal, the commercial metropolis of Canada, situated at the head of navigation, is now entitled to be classed among the great cities of the world. Including the annexations during the past few years, it has a total area of slightly over forty square miles. It extends a distance of about twelve miles in length along the harbor front and its northern extremity fronts upon the Riviere des Prairies which, together with the St. Lawrence, makes the Island of Montreal. Of the territory embraced within the borders of the city, a very considerable area would

Population of Montreal in 1891	220,181
do. 1901	266,826
do. 1910	456,000
do. 1912	600,000

It must be admitted that a certain proportion of the above increase was due to annexation of outlying districts. Included in the above figures is the population of some districts which, strictly speaking, are really not portions of the city proper but which, in any consideration of the present character, must be included. For instance, West-



Mr. Jas. J. Guerin, Mayor of Montreal.

hardly be recognizable as city property. A certain proportion of it is country district; but houses are springing up in every direction and ere many years have passed the entire area will, no doubt, assume the appearance of the suburbs of the city. It may be worthy of remark that until 1910 the area of the city was only in the vicinity of twenty square miles, the additional twenty having been added through annexation of outlying districts since then.

In the matter of population Montreal has increased very rapidly, having almost trebled in twenty years and having considerably more than doubled in ten years, as the following will show:—

mount's population of 15,000 is included, as is Outremont's 5,000 and some 20,000 in Maisonneuve. This, however, is quite justifiable when it is remembered that Montreal surrounds each of these municipalities and even the citizens of the city, itself, would be unaware that they would be passing through a separate municipality.

In point of population Montreal now stands somewhere among the largest thirty or thirty-five cities of the world. In a recent comparison she stood ahead of Pittsburg, Birmingham, Leipzig, Detroit, Rome, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Mexico, New Orleans, Bristol and other well known large cities and capitals.