

the square and the adjoining property was consumed by fire in the same year. The Infantry and Cavalry Barracks are opposite what was Dalhousie-square, and on the bank of the river. I may as well state here, that fires are very prevalent in Montreal, in fact, in Canada generally, owing to the houses being chiefly constructed of wood. The next principal street from the river, is Great St. James-street, in this are the Banks of Montreal, British North America, the City Bank, and the General Post Office, behind these is Craig-street, which is a good width and chiefly contains private dwellings; further up towards the back part of the city is Sherbrooke-street this is a good long street and contains all private dwellings, with their beautiful gardens in front, behind these is the large mountain already mentioned, and it is at the foot of this, that you have a magnificent view of the city; before closing my remarks on Montreal, I may say that, there is much to be seen in the city that is well worth the attention of the traveller who may have time at his disposal. Montreal is the largest city in Canada, and has a population of about 70,000 souls.

After having remained at Montreal a considerable time, I took my departure for Toronto, Canada West, near Montreal and further up the country the river St. Lawrence is greatly obstructed by rapids, to overcome which, Canals have for some time been completed on a very grand scale, allowing ocean vessels to proceed with cargoes to the great inland lakes. The journey can now be made to the upper province by railway, as well as steam boat in the summer; the navigation is closed during winter, in consequence of the severity of the climate, which I shall explain hereafter.