

HOW SHALL WE SAVE THE PORT OF MONTREAL

Montreal Harbour a National Asset

It is imperative to the future prosperity of Canada that her national port should be developed to the very highest point of efficiency, which means not only that the channel shall be deepened to a depth that will permit the largest vessels afloat to come to Montreal with absolute safety, but that dock accommodations and equipment be the equal or superior of any port on the continent. In the broadest sense of the term the Port of Montreal is a public utility, and not only patriotism but sound business judgment would seem to dictate that its development shall be in every sense of the word national. The question of its ability to meet interest on its funded indebtedness should be a matter of small consideration; in fact, the monies essential to its adequate extension should be provided in portion at least from the public funds. Montreal Harbour has never been given adequate consideration by the nation, and its present development is largely the result of individual effort and sacrifice.

Strategical Advantages of Montreal Harbour

Montreal, with more than a million population, is the metropolis of Canada, standing as a monument to the courage and industry of two races working in a common communion, and its position will never be assailed provided the interests of its port are religiously guarded. Situated at the present head of ocean navigation on the St. Lawrence, just where the mighty Ottawa merges with the mother stream, and at the foot of the thousand-mile waterway to the heart of Canada and the United States, Montreal occupies a strategical position in relation to the geography of the continent. The centre of what is perhaps the most intensive and practicable in unlimited supply. Nowhere else in the country, perhaps, are to be found in more striking harmony all of the elements that make for successful industry. For here the rails of two great transportation systems meet the sea, providing expeditions and economical communication for raw material and finished product.

MONTREAL, the Logical Terminus for the Traffic of our Inland Seas

Montreal is the natural gateway to the Atlantic for both Canada and the United States. Geographically, it has a position rivalled by no port on the American continent. A thousand miles from the seaboard, it is nearer to Northern Europe than any of the major American ports. It is the logical terminus also of the most wonderful water highway to be found on earth. More than forty million people can be served by this splendid system, and Montreal and Canada must see that their inherent rights are not alienated.