

To the south and south-east is the river and high-lands above Point des Peres. To the east is the basin, Point Levi, Isle of Orleans, with the north and south channels. To the north-east are the mountains of Beauport, stretching beyond the river Montmorenci, remarkable as exhibiting one of the most wonderful falls in the world; a description of which shall close this account.

The river Montmorenci rises in the north-east, and passes through a course of considerable extent. On its approach to the St. Lawrence the channel is bounded by precipitous rocks, its breadth becomes much contracted, and the rapidity of the current is augmented. On the east side the bank is about 30 feet high, and nearly perpendicular, the opposite bank being of a singular shape, resembling the ruin of a lofty wall. The river descends between them with a foaming current, broken by huge masses of stones in its bottom. It continues to augment in velocity, and forms several cascades before reaching the great fall; when it is precipitated, in an almost perpendicular direction, over a rock 245 feet high, forming one of the most sublime scenes in the world.

The outlet of the fall is far less. The basin is bounded by steep cliffs, composed of pure limestone. An advantageous view of the fall may be obtained from the beach of the St. Lawrence, when the tide is low.

After the waters of Quebec the whole country above it fell before the British arms, and has since become the seat of very extensive settlements, under the British government. Of these the most important is the city of Montreal, being the great mart for traffic with the northern nations, and the seat of commerce, and the emporium of the fur trade. A description of that city, and adjacent country, was therefore necessary, and is here accompanied to the account of the river.

MONTREAL.

Montreal is situated on the north side of an island of the same name, in the St. Lawrence, at 45° 28' north latitude; and longi-

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