

ascending the river St. Lawrence, as the traveller comes nearer Montreal the scenery is delightful, surrounded by nature in all her forms, arrayed on one side forests as yet undisturbed by the hand of man, on the other side fields of corn, &c. in the highest state of cultivation. Near the city are the massive stone built wharfs, which are in summer lined with ocean vessels; fronting and parallel to the wharfs are well built warehouses, hotels, and other large public buildings, the market house is certainly the most imposing and perhaps the best that can be found in America, it is the first building that strikes the eye of the traveller from the river, behind these buildings and skirting the banks of the river are the principal streets of the city, and at the back of the city is a picturesque mountain five or six hundred feet high, from which the city derives its name. St. Paul's street, the second from the river, has a very good appearance, and is the chief street for the wholesale trade; next comes Notre Dame-street, which is the chief for the retail trade, it is about a mile in length and there are many large and beautiful buildings in it, quite equal to what we have in England. In the centre of this street is the large French Cathedral, which was erected thirty years ago, and occupied nearly five years in building. This spacious building is in front of an handsome square, and is capable of accomodating 10,000 persons. The principal Protestant Church, called Christ's Church, was near this spot, it was however, destroyed by fire last winter. There are more English churches in different parts of the city and a few French Catholic places of worship, also several Scotch kirks, and chapels of various denominations. There was in 1851, at the lower end of Notre Dame-street, a very handsome public square, the buildings forming this were substantially built, amongst which was a first class hotel and an elegant theatre, but unfortunately the whole of