

Town of Maisonneuve

When the Town of Hochelaga was divided, and a part of it became Hochelaga Ward, of the City of Montreal, and the other part was organized into an independent municipality, it was not strange that its people should choose for it the name of Maisonneuve in memory of the fearless and far seeing soldier, who founded the City of Montreal. The name is especially typical of the character of its people, and the energetic men, who at the present time rule its civic destiny.

The Town of Maisonneuve, in a way has been a marvel of growth and development, due no doubt in part to its natural advantages as a manufacturing and shipping centre, its location, surrounded as it is on three sides by the City of Montreal with its exceptional inter-urban transportation facilities. But above all its progress is due to the energy and foresight of its people who, recognizing the advantages the municipality possessed, began some six years ago, through its municipal officers, an active campaign to secure new industries, with the result that to-day it has some 30 large manufacturing plants, besides a number of smaller ones. In that short period of time, it has become the largest of the suburban factory centres around Montreal. It leads in Shoe Manufacturing. Seven Shoe Factories are located within its

borders; and the United Shoe Machinery Co., the largest Shoe Machinery industry on this Continent, is erecting a large plant, which with the prospective growth of Canada, will eventually represent several million dollars.

Six years ago, Maisonneuve had a population of 8,000 people; to-day it has 25,000. Then the assessment roll was \$5,300,000.00; to-day it is \$18,000,000.00, and it is rapidly growing. What only a few years ago, was a small suburban village, through the energy and intelligence of its people, has been transformed into a hive of industry; a city of wide streets, and beautiful homes, with every advantage of modern civilization.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Maisonneuve, an independent municipality, is surrounded on three sides by the City of Montreal, while on the fourth it faces the river St. Lawrence, which ensures it unrivaled harbor facilities. The harbor of Montreal is extending its frontage beyond the Eastern limits of the town, near which the Government Dry Docks, costing \$5,000,000.00 are to be established. The contract for the erection of the docks, has been awarded to Messrs Vickers Sons, and Maxim, of London, Eng-land, who, in addition to building these, expect to establish a large plant