

St. Helen's Island.

New Victoria Bridge.

Nun's Island



Bird's Eye View of Montreal From Mount Royal Park.

History tells us that on the 2d day of October, 1535, Jacques Cartier and his hearty band of *voyageurs*, who had sailed from St. Malo, France, were the first white men to ascend Mount Royal. From the summit the Breton mariner gazed with wonder and admiration, and in honor of his king, he gave the elevation the name, "*Mount Royal*." But greatly changed is the scene of today. Over three and a half centuries have rolled by since the brave sailor looked down from its rugged cliffs on the fertile fields below. Then the savage tribes of Iroquois and Hurons were sole inhabitants of our island city, who numbered in all, some 1,500 persons. What a change have the centuries wrought! The red children of the forest have gone, and where once stood the rude wigwams of these dusky warriors a great and beautiful city has sprung up, a "city of churches," a city with its magnificent cathedrals, hospitals, colleges and schools of learning; a city with one of the finest harbors in the world, and one of the strongest banking institutions on the continent of America. Few cities surpass Montreal in situation. Seated as it is, at the head of ocean navigation, its sway as such extends over the largest portion of North America. Being the commercial metropolis, and the wealthiest city in the Dominion, with headquarters of two of the greatest railways in the world, she must soon rank as one of the principal cities on the American continent.