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Travellers' Guide.

CITY OF MONTREAL.

THE CITY of MONTREAL is one of the largest and most populous cities in British North America. It was founded by M. de Maissonneure, in 1642, on the site of an Indian village, named Hochelaga, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary as its patroness and protector, and for a long period bore the name of *Ville Marie*. It is laid out in the form of a parallelogram, and contains some two hundred streets, with a population of about 70,000.

The traveller, in approaching the city from the river, is struck with the peculiar beauty of the large cut stone buildings which front the majestic river St. Lawrence, on whose banks they are reared, resembling in their solid masonry and elegance the buildings of European cities. The wharves and streets, unlike the cities of the States, are always clean, and the atmosphere pure and healthful.

The Island of Montreal is, in fact, most properly