

### The Citadel.

To our visitors from the United States, the CITADEL, with its noble fortifications, is a common point of attraction; indeed we believe that of the many strangers who visit Quebec from year to year, by far the greater number throng to the Citadel, in preference to other points or places of interest. This is, perhaps, but natural. As we have already stated, ours is the only fortified city in North America,—but the whole continent abounds with magnificent scenery.

The height of the Citadel, from the Lower Town exceeds three hundred feet, and the excellence of art in the adaptation of fortifications to strengthen a natural position, most strong in itself, will be observable to the stranger. A steep and winding ascent leads to the entrance gate, called Dalhousie Gate, after the Earl of Dalhousie, once a Governor General of the two Provinces—Lower and Upper Canada, prior to their re-union. A Bastion has also been named after the same distinguished nobleman. In the face of this Bastion (we quote from the "Stranger's Guide")—"are loopholes for the fire of musquetry from within: on the top are the embrasures for the cannon. The loopholes serve also for the admission of air and light into the casemated barracks within, for the troops composing the garrison. They are commodious and well adapted both for comfort and safety, being well ventilated, and proof against fire and missiles of every description. These barracks are at present occupied by the 79th Highlanders, Cameronians commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Maule. On the top of DALHOUSIE BASTION is an extensive covered way, or broad gravel walk, with embrasures for mounting cannon, commanding every part of the ditch and glacis, and every avenue of approach to the Citadel. From this elevated spot is obtained a delightful view of the surrounding scenery and the harbour. Within the arch gate are the Main Guard rooms, for a detachment and an officer, who are relieved every day, (the only officer's guard now maintained in Quebec); and in front of it is a spacious area—