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That visitors may not only have the requisite information after reaching the Lower Provinces, but also that necessary to know before setting out, *RAILWAY Through TIME TABLES*, via the MICHIGAN CENTRAL, GRAND TRUNK, and VERMONT CENTRAL, between CHICAGO, QUÉBEC, BOSTON and PORTLAND, and *Full TABLES* between the two latter places and the MARITIME PROVINCES, have been given.

We therefore propose to make Montreal our starting place for Canadian travel, and Boston our point of departure from the United States.

MONTREAL,

Fast becoming one of the finest cities on the continent, and the commercial metropolis of the Dominion of Canada, is beautifully situated on an island in the St. Lawrence, and at the foot of Mount Royal, from which both the city and island take their name. Its population is about 130,000. The city was founded in 1642, and for a long time was called *Ville Marie*. It was for many years the headquarters of the French forces in Canada, but surrendered to the English in 1763. Visitors should procure "*Chisholm's Guide*," and take time to view the many pretty places in and about the city. But before leaving, "put up" with us at the far famed St. Lawrence Hall, kept by Mr. Hogan, generally acknowledged one of the best Hotels in Canada, and we shall visit a few of those of the most importance. First, the French Cathedral of *Notre Dame*, said to be the largest in North America, and capable of seating from ten to twelve thousand people, is a splendid building about 260 feet long and 140 broad. At the front, facing a square, called *Place d'Armes*, are two massive towers 220 feet in height, and upon the payment of a small fee we can go up into the "great bell tower," and, from the summit, we indeed have a most magnificent view. The waters of the noble St. Lawrence at our feet; on our right, the famous *Victoria Bridge*, the village of Laprairie, and the rushing boiling rapids of Lachine, with an endless extent of country in the distance beyond; on our left, the beautiful little Island of St. Helen's, the villages of St. Lambert and Longueuil, and the river, about two miles wide, studded with islands and alive with shipping, make a most varied and interesting picture. A visit to the *Victoria Bridge* should also be made. The bridge rests upon twenty-four piers, 242 feet apart, with the exception of the centre piers, which are 330 feet: upon these rest the centre tube, which is 60 feet above the level of the St. Lawrence, in summer. There is an opening in the centre which affords a magnificent view of the river. This bridge gives Montreal an unbroken rail communication of 1,400 miles, and secures to