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REPORT

ON THE

COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

OF THE

CITY OF MONTREAL.

INTRODUCTION.

THE intention here is simply to group a few facts relative to the progress of this City,—by way of Introduction to the following Report.

Montreal is situated in latitude 45° 31' North, and longitude 73° 35' West. According to the Census return of 1851, the City contained a population of 57,715,—the returns of 1861 giving 91,169 for the nine Wards, and 10,433 for the continuation of the Suburbs, the aggregate being 101,602. The increase in the Wards in ten years was 33,454, or 58 per cent.; and, according to that ratio, the population is now estimated to be from 125,000 to 130,000—having more than doubled in thirteen years. The increase in 1862 and 1863 has been estimated as greater than in any preceding year; a higher ratio than that presented by the Census of 1861 would, of course, show the population to be more than the foregoing figures indicate.

The census of 1861 placed Montreal tenth in order of North American Cities, as shown in the following table:—

CITIES.	Population.	CITIES.	Population.
New York	814,277	St. Louis.....	162,179
Philadelphia	568,034	Cincinnati	160,060
Brooklyn	273,425	Chicago.....	109,420
Baltimore	214,037	Montreal.....	101,602
Boston	177,902	Buffalo	84,132
New Orleans.....	170,766		

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