

## PREFACE

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THE purpose of this Guide is to supply, concisely, such information as may enable visitors to see the chief points of interest in Montreal as it exists to-day; and also to acquaint them with a few details of the history and traditions of a City whose early years were full of romance, and whose whole life has been crowded with events of more than local import.

The Introduction and Historical Notes have been, in great measure, compiled from articles by Sir Andrew Macphail, Dr. S. E. Dawson and the late Mr. William McLennan. Mr. W. D. Lighthall, too, has been drawn upon freely in the course of the Historical Notes and of the Descriptions. Thanks for permission to use the articles are most cordially extended to the gentlemen named.

The statistics contain the most recent information obtainable concerning the matters to which they relate: and it should, perhaps, be explained that the historical chapter deals largely with material aspects of the life of Montreal, inasmuch as no adequate treatment of the complicated questions of intellectual and social development would be possible within the limits of the present booklet.