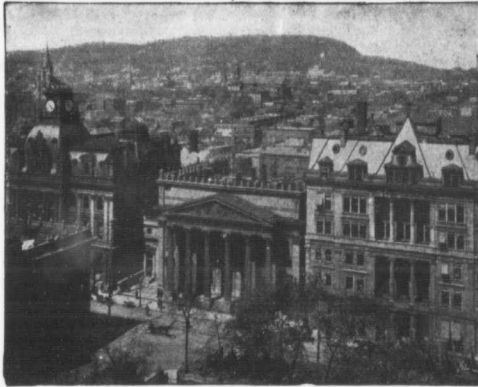


A Day in Montreal.

BY THE EDITOR.

WHETHER a visitor is favorably impressed with Montreal or not depends to some extent upon the time of the year when his visit is made. If it happens to be in the summer he will probably vote it to be one of the most delightful cities he has ever seen. The ocean steamers coming and going from the wharves make the river front a

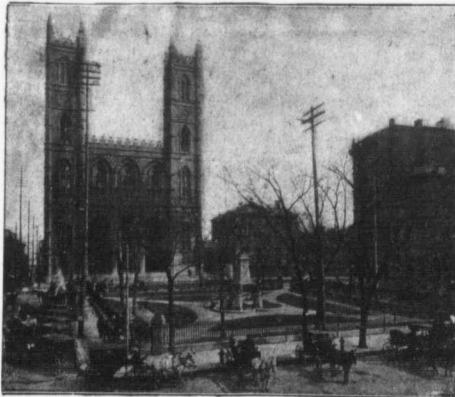
from before his place of business, but it is no accommodation to pedestrians, as it is necessary to step down quite a distance to reach the cleaned walk, and then up again. It is desperately hard walking on such streets, and the wonder is that many accidents do not occur. The residents usually wear "creepers" on their rubbers which help them along materially. On the hills, ashes and sand are freely sprinkled, otherwise they would simply be impassable. Many of the streets in the lower part of the city are very narrow, and as the snow falls in great quantities it is perhaps impossible to keep the walks and pavements cleared, but in the more modern parts certainly something better could be done.



MONTREAL, FROM THE TOWERS OF NOTRE DAME.

most interesting place, and there is enough bustle and excitement for any one. Everybody takes a drive up the mountain side for the sake of the magnificent view which is obtained. It is worth going a long way to have the privilege of looking down upon the city and out over the lordly St. Lawrence. If there is any finer scene anywhere on this continent I have not looked upon it. One can probably see farther from Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, but the panorama is not any more entrancing than the one that opens before the eye from the summit of Mount Royal.

Montreal is not nearly so interesting in the winter, when



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

the streets are covered with ice and snow. There appears to be no law requiring householders to clean their sidewalks and so the snow is allowed to accumulate and pack down until in many places it is a foot and more in thickness. Occasionally there will be found a man who carefully removes the snow

most striking features. If a stranger asks to be shown the sights of the city, the cobby will spend hour after hour in driving him from one church to another, and the trip will be found interesting, as here are church buildings larger and more magnificent than are to be found in any other city on the continent. The great French church, known as Notre Dame Cathedral, is one that every visitor goes to see. It has two galleries, one above the other, on three sides of the building, and is said to seat 10,000 persons. Like all public buildings, however, the capacity is over-estimated. A careful calculation showed that it has seats for 6,000, but if the aisles were used probably 4,000 more could get inside its walls. The interior is resplendent with gilt and tinsel, and is almost too gaudy to be impressive. The chapel in the rear is much more beautiful. All through this great church there are kneeling benches in the pews, which are frequently used in the services. If we are to go back to the old-fashioned method of kneeling in public worship, we shall have to make provision for it, as the Roman Catholics have done.

There are a number of large paintings in Notre Dame, some of which are not altogether without merit. The dozen or more altars are ornamented in the most attractive manner, although some of the pictures are anything but pleasing. In front of one altar I saw a painting showing lost souls writhing in the flames of purgatory, while angels were lifting some of the fortunate ones, who had been delivered by the prayers and contributions of their friends, from their terrible position.

The church of the Jesuits is a large and fine building, which is attended by great multitudes. The Cathedral of St. James, which is opposite to Dominion Square, is supposed to be an exact copy of St. Peter's at Rome, except in the matter of size. It is finished inside in white and gold and is very pretty. All of these Catholic churches are open every day, and people can be constantly seen going

in and out, spending some time in silent prayer before one of the altars. It must be a costly thing to keep these great structures heated continually in the cold winter weather, but they are always warm and comfortable. If one should

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