

City of Montreal.

The City of Montreal is the largest and most populous city in the Dominion of Canada. It was founded by M. de Maisonneuve, 1642, on the site of an Indian village named Hochelaga, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary as its patroness and its protector, and for a long period bore the name of *Ville Marie*. It is laid in the form of a parallelogram, and contains some two hundred Streets, with a population of over 140,000.

The traveller, in approaching the city from the river, is struck with the peculiar beauty of the large cut stone buildings which front the majestic river St. Lawrence on whose banks they are reared, resembling in their solid masonry and elegance the buildings of European cities.

The Island of Montreal is, in fact, most properly regarded as the garden of Canada. The city being at the head of ship navigation her local advantages are unsurpassed.

Places of Interest.

Among the many substantial and elegant edifices in the city of recent completion, many be mentioned :

The New Court House, on Notre Dame Street, and directly opposite to Nelson's Monument, is of elegant cut stone in the Grecian Ionic style. The ground plan is 300 by 125 feet ; height 71 feet.

The Post Office, on St. James Street, opposite St. Lawrence Hall, is a beautiful cut stone building.

The Merchants' Exchange, situated on St. Sacrament street.

The Mechanics' Institute, a very fine building, situated on St. James street, of cut stone, three stories high, built in the Italian style.