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and various convents of nuns; a brisk trade in furs and other produce with the Indians in June and boasting two good platform ways of defense. A wag who one time says that Montreal is remembered as the place where in the war of 1812 "In ex-

cept so far as the Indian trade was concerned, Montreal took rank below Quebec.

which terminated in the conquest by the British, Montreal had a very important military part. Quebec, Niagara, and Lake Ontario had fallen into the hands of the English before Montreal was attacked. The city itself was dead; the French population was demoralized; the influxed with victory, and strong enough to take all that; so that altogether, when the British landed his army on the island, he found no pretext for resistance. He passed over of the hands without a struggle in 1760, and the city remained in the hands during the years following. It may be presumed that Montreal would have prospered, as we learn that it was more than twenty years later in decay, and its population two or three thousand—had made a wild attempt to seize the city, and sent in iron to the fort. The city was more successful in November, 1775, and took prisoner Prescott and the garrison.

Montreal was held by the British, and after the unsuccessful capture of Quebec, was governed by the British. Want of support compelled them to evacuate the place in June, which time it has always remained in possession of the British. In the last year an imposing expedition was sent against Montreal, and it was fitted out on

the great lakes, and actually began to trail down to the river. But it was unfortunately late in every respect; the officers quarreled with each other; the chief was unfit for the command; the army was ill-equipped; the season was late; so, after a skirmish by the way, the expedition returned, having effected nothing.

Montreal, a commercial city, Montreal has even a high position. It is beyond all question the first city in British North America. The people seem to have an energy which reminds one of the United States. Happily situate, at the head of ocean navigation, and at the mouth of the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence, it was naturally become a general depot for Canadian produce. The Grand Trunk Railway will out-



under eight royal minutes from the ships during a French ship. He was received by the officers of the government, military leaders, members of the clergy and burghers of the city. He was married in marriage, and accompanied by a prostitute, which were lined by the Volgar and numerous beautiful ladies were erected of the houses were filled with ladies. A number of the latter sang the national anthem of regular troops accompanied by the military bands out in plain afternoon in the rain.