

to give very accurate figures as we have before us the official lists for which we are indebted to the kindness of Mr Everell, the agent of the railway running here, and of Mr Nazaire Simard, the proprietor of St Anne's wharf. These lists give the number of pilgrims who came by rail as 78,500 and by steamer 35,000. If to these figures we add the 8,000 to 10,000 persons who came on foot or in vehicles, we obtain the number 120,000 as being that of the pilgrims who visited the shrine of Good St Anne during the year 1899. This is an increase of 5,000 over last year. The month of July was, as usual, that which brought the most pilgrims ; it accounts for over one third of the total number.



**Remarkable days.** — The days that were particularly remarkable were : the 18<sup>th</sup> June, the 26<sup>th</sup> July and the 29<sup>th</sup> August. On the 18<sup>th</sup> June the number of pilgrims amounted to 4,000 of whom 1,500 were Tertiaries from Quebec and Montreal. On the 26<sup>th</sup> July, the feast of St. Anne, over 6,000 persons from all parts of Canada and the United States were present at the imposing ceremonies of that great day. Finally, on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, the two pilgrimages from St Hyacinthe and Sherbrooke brought us 3,000 pilgrims with 100 priests and religious. Never before had St. Anne seen so many priests gathered at the same time around her statue. We must also especially mention the 16<sup>th</sup> August when the fine pilgrimage from Three Rivers came under the distinguished direction of Monseigneur Cloutier, the new bishop of the diocese. This pilgrimage was especially remarkable for the solemnity of the services, the beautiful order of the processions, the harmony of the sacred chants and the edifying piety of the pilgrims. We must award it the prize of honor.



**Ceremonies.** — The pilgrims enter the Basilica to the sound of the bell and the chanting of hymns ; they receive the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist ; then high mass, a sermon on St. Anne, procession in the church grounds, benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, blessing of articles of devotion, veneration of the holy Relics, after which the pilgrims depart with prayers and sacred chants. Such is the order of the ceremonies that usually take place on the occasion of each pilgrimage. As may be seen, there is nothing wanting to excite the piety of the pilgrims and to make them derive abundant fruits