

specimens of the rock he declared them to be marble, and, in his "Journal d'un voyage dans l'Amerique," wrote that "all this country is full of marble."

These beds or quarries are, by land or water, only three miles east of Tadousac. Possibly the intrusion of minute sands of mica schist and syenitic granite have lowered the commercial value of the marble, for the quarries are now closed. The marble, unlike the Italian and Mexican, is laminated and will not accept a high polish, but being of spotless white, very durable and translucent, it will in time find its own market.

The Parish Church. The parish church of Sainte-Croix, which was opened for divine service in 1885, is a fine example of the splendid work done by French-Canadian masons. There is not in all Quebec Province a more finished specimen of the mason's craft than the apse of this sacred building.

The altars are remarkably fine examples of artistic carpentry, and the pillarets and columns of these altars are the best imitations of **Lapis-lazuli**, **Verd antique** and **Mexican onyx** we have anywhere seen. When figured or stained windows replace the plain glass this attractive church will be an inviting retreat for prayer and meditation.