

“ And this he said to try him : for himself knew what he would do.

“ Philip answered him : Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little.

“ One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to him :

“ There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes ; but what are these among so many ?

“ Then Jesus said : Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

“ And Jesus took the loaves : and when he had given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down ; in like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would.

“ And when they were filled, he said to his disciples : Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost.

“ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten.

“ Then those men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said : This is the prophet indeed, that is to come into the world. J. C. FRANCHERE.

XII. The First Mass in Montreal.

It was at the Pointe à Callières, where the Custom house is situated to-day, that the jesuit Father Vimont offered for the first time the holy Sacrifice, on May 17th 1642.

We may see around the altar Mrs. de la Pelleterie, Miss Mance, de Maisonneuve, de Montmagny, major Closse, some colonists and servants.