

in the most pleasant of drives, in the exercise of rowing and in the fascination of yachting.

Port Arthur is beautiful. Seen in the vivid verdure of summer, sitting royally upon her terraced throne, her feet bathed in the dark blue waters of the bay, her

diadem groves of poplar and evergreens, wrapped in robes of grass, foliage and flowers, she looks toward the east waiting for the coming of a new era, for the dawn of a great prosperity. No fairer picture can be seen in a country of royal scenery.

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## MONUMENT AT BONSECOURS CHURCH, MONTREAL.

To the few monuments possessed by Montreal, the colossal statue of Our Lady of Bonsecours—an illustration of which appears on the next page—will be a most important addition. It will commemorate an event of no small interest in the history of that city—the founding of the chapel by Soeur Marguerite de Bourgeoys in 1658, on the site now occupied by that quaint memorial of the early days of *Ville Marie*, the Bonsecours Church. Begun in that year its erection was warmly aided by Chomedey de Maisonneuve, founder and first governor of the town; he gave the necessary land, and, it is said, cut down the first tree in the forest which covered the site. Unexpected obstacles delayed the completion of the edifice, and it was not opened for worship until 1675; but for the next three quarters of a century the little chapel was a prominent feature in the ecclesiastical life of the growing town. In 1754 it was destroyed by fire, and the troubles of the colony, resulting chiefly from the protracted war then beginning with Great Britain, made its rebuilding an impossibility until 1771, when work was commenced on the present church, and two years later it was opened for divine

service. Despite some so-called “improvements” which were carried out a few years ago (which were in truth mutilations of some of the most picturesque features of the building) Bonsecours church has for nearly a century and a quarter been one of the most interesting and quaint of the many churches of this city, and the centre of the religious devotion and thought of no small portion of the community.

In commemoration of the founding and history of this building the Rév. Abbé Lenoir, assisted by the Roman Catholic population of the city, is now preparing to erect this statue on the summit of a stone chapel to be built on the roof of the present edifice, in connection with some changes rendered necessary by the widening of Commissioners street for the new harbour improvements. The pediment will be of stone, supported by pillars; the statue will be of bronze, thirty feet in height, and representing Our Lady of Bonsecours. The plans and specifications have been prepared by Mr. F. E. Meloche, and the modelling of the statuary will be carried out by Mr. P. Laperle, both of Montreal.