

in the centre of the village, under the direction of the Sisters of the Congregation, and a flourishing college kept by the Christian Brothers. The Roman Catholic Church is a large, handsome and commodious building, the interior being handsomely fitted up. A considerable local business in lumber, flour and country produce is carried on. Leaving St. Mary we follow the course of the Chaudiere River for 12 miles, reaching Beauce Junction in time for refreshments, which are very neatly served at the Refreshment Room opposite the station. Rolling across the bridge at Beauce Junction the train winds up the side of the hill, and for a distance of five miles continues to climb; from this point a beautiful view of the Chaudiere Valley is had; the south side of the Chaudiere River presents a living panoramic view of highly cultivated fields and dense forests along its whole length, which, in summer, and especially when the golden hues of harvest time are woven into the magnificent groundwork of changing green, presents a double picture of unequalled and matchless beauty. St. Joseph, an important and promising village and the *chef-lieu* of this district, situated on a branch line from Beauce Junction running up the Chaudiere Valley, and called the "Chaudiere Valley Branch," may be seen in the distance from the hill-side. Above St. Joseph and still further up the valley, the line is constructed to St. Francis (16 miles from Beauce Junction). The Company proposes to construct this extension through to the State of Maine, there to connect with the International line of Maine, and thus form the shortest possible line between Quebec and the Lower Provinces of the Dominion, as well as to a connection with the Maine system of railways. When completed this will form an additional and attractive tourist route. Passengers can thus leave Quebec and in five hours be landed at the popular summer resort, Moosehead Lake, and from there to any point on the Maine sea coast. Nature has been most lavish with the wealth of varied scenery with which she has endowed this valley. And even before the completion of the extension through to Maine, if the tourist has time to take a run up this new line he will be amply repaid for the trouble. No more pleasant trip can be had than a drive through this charming region as far as the gold fields of St. George, which is ten miles above St. Francis.