ANNALS OF SAINT ANN.

beads, singing of hymns, the chant of the *Magnificat*, the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic. — More than two hundred other pilgrims visited the Shrine that day.

Monday 17th. — The *Standfold* pilgrims, numbering more than seven hundred, arrived in the evening by boat. They had a torch-light procession, which was a most beautiful sight to behold. When the time of departure had come, one could see by their gladsome features that they were pleased with their pilgrimage; they were confident that Saint Ann had heard their prayers.

Wednesday 19th. — Six hundred pilgrims came from Saint Augustin de Portneuf. On account of the fog, the boat was three hours late, arriving shortly before noon. Nevertheless, the devout people did not complain of their long fast. They gladly offered up the little sacrifice as a token of gratitude to God for being permitted to particitate in the heavenly banquet. May their sacrifice receive its proper reward!

Thursday 20° . — Nine hundred men and women could be seen coming slowly along the pier. Saint Joseph, Beauce Co. is their home. How they must love Saint Ann, for love alone could have given them that ardor with which they sang their different hymns. They all received during the half past six o'clock mass, marched in martial order around the bark, and shortly before noon, they returned to their boat, singing the sweet « Magnificat » along the way.

Sunday 23rd. — How it did pour ! yet, no one was surprised; the day belonged to Saint Ann's parish, Montreal, and old tradition says that it must rain on that day. Such, at least, has been the case for quite a number of years, and would dishearten anyone but the truly elect. However, we regret to see *that* small number diminishing every year; this time the ladies, pilgrimage scarcely numbered three hundred. They were accompanied by the Reverend Fathers D. Hollaud and E. Strubbe, vicars of the panish. If the abundancy of interior grace in any way equalled the downpour of exterior rain, God knows that in future, peace and happiness will reign in their Lomes,

That same day, three hundred souls of the Sacred Heart League. Saint Jean Baptiste parish, Quebec, and three hundred and fifty from Beauport, came to kneel at the Shrine.

Tuesday 25th. — What a glorious day for the Shrine. The previous evening 500 pilgrims had come from Grondines and Deschambault. That same night they went through all the principal exercices

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