

throughout its whole length by the river Chaudière, from which the valley itself derives its name. The highway follows nearly always the sinuous banks of the river, whose waters generally flow calm and slow. Here and there, green islets, elegant dwellings that appear among the groves, long rows of aged elms shading the road, give a pleasant aspect to the whole country. Driving up the northern bank of the river the traveller meets with a denser population, as he comes nearer to the parish church, and, at a distance of about a mile from the church, stands a chapel, rich in pious mementoes, and dedicated to good St. Anne.

The first chapel had been erected on this spot, in 1778, with the permission of Bishop Briand, of Quebec, on the seignorial domain. It was due to the generosity of Mr. Gabriel Taschereau and of his virtuous wife, ancestors of the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec. This act of Faith, while expressing the religious spirit of Monsieur and Madame Taschereau, responded also to the fervor of the inhabitants of Beauce, who, for the greater part, natives of the Côte Beaupré and of the Island of Orleans, found it hard to hear their sequestration from the venerated sanctuary of St. Anne.

This chapel, which was built of wood, lasted until 1828. The present one was erected near the site of the previous one, on a plot of ground given to the Fabric of St. Mary's by the descendants of Mr. Gabriel Taschereau. Collections gathered in all the parishes of the County sufficed to pay for the construction. It is a stone building 90, x 35 feet, of a very simple style of architecture, the only remarkable feature of which is a rare look of piety which impresses all those who enter this sanctuary of prayer and mercy. The ceiling is of wood; the pulpit, elegantly sculptured, is, according to tradition, a precious relic of the old Jesuit Chapel of Quebec. A reliquary, containing a relic of St. Anne, deposited in the modest altar, above which hangs a picture of St. Anne; a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, one of the Blessed Virgin,