

In one of his visits to Rome, the 2nd of July, 1841, the bishop of Montreal, Mgr. Bourget, of saintly memory, had addressed to the Very Reverend Father General of the Society of Jesus, a pressing appeal with a view to obtain the return of the Jesuits to Canada.

"Everything, he said, 'calls them back into that country, which has never ceased to revere their memory, and which by the precious monuments that still covers its extent bear testimony to their noble and intrepid courage.' He thus concluded: 'In fine the undesignated hopes that the sons of St. Ignatius, the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier, St. Regis, etc., shall hear her voice which is the voice of his Church, founded by them, and that they shall say to one another, as in former times St. Paul and St. Barnabe: 'Returning we will visit the brethren throughout all the cities in which we have preached the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing.'"

The Very Rev. Father Roothaan, General of the Society, answered that eloquent invitation by appointing Father Chazelle, then in Rome, Superior of the new Mission and by giving instruction to the Reverend Provincial of Paris, to adjoin companions to him.

Besides Father Chazelle, five priests and three brothers started for Canada. These were the R. R. Felix, Martin, Paul Luizet, Dominique du Ranquet, Joseph Hanipaux Remi Tellier, and brothers Joseph Jennescaux, Pierre Jupir and Emmanuel Brenaus.

Those sons of Loyola sailed on the 14th of April, 1842 and reached Ville-Marie the 31st of May, following.

In July 1842, Mgr. Bourget seeing the new missionaries without a home, placed them for the time being at Laprairie, the last parish priest there, the Rev. Power having just been transferred to the Bishopric of Toronto.

Not later than the 15th of January, 1813, feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, Bishop Bourget wished to solemnly re-establish the Society of Jesus in Canada. He proceeded himself to that restoration in his cathedral of St. James.

The Bishop's palace was at once offered as a temporary noviciate. Shortly after, about the 31st of July, the noviciate was transferred to a most modest residence near the presbytery of Laprairie.

About that time a generous citizen of Montreal, Mr. Charles Seraphin Rodier, a distinguished lawyer and later on mayor of Montreal, offered to the R. R. Fathers half of his residence for five years, to have the full use of it without any charge whatsoever, and at the expiration of that term, he kindly renewed unconditionally his kind offer of hospitality.

That house was situated where now stands the asylum of Bethlehem, at one of the angles of the Square Richmond.

It is in that refuge that the head of the family discreetly presided, during eight years, over those whom he had chosen to be the members of the Society of Jesus.

Father Regnier, a bright student of the St. Hyacinth College, was the first admitted, 9th of Sept., 1843, and the Rev. Henri Hudon, later on Superior of the Mission of Canada, came thither also from the College of St. Ann of La Pocatiere. Father Luizet, master of novices, had at first only those two candidates, but he thought with St. Charles Borromeus that one soul is a vast enough diocese. The year 1851 was the last spent under the roof of Mr. Rodier.

The St. Mary's College opened in a wooden construction in September, 1848; had changed its quarters to a larger stone building, and could now give shelter to all the members of the Society.

After two years of sojourn at St. Mary's College, in the beginning of August, 1850, began the exodus of the novices to the land of promise of the Sault, and on the 6th of August, a first Friday of the month, Holy Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new Noviciate. The Reverend Schreiber, master of the novices in 1853, was succeeded by Father Louis Sache, who was really the first to take charge of the Noviciate of the Sault. Came afterwards the Rev. Jacques Perron, 1862-1866; Father Sache (2nd administration), 1866-1871; Father Charles Theophile Charaux, Father P. Perron (2nd administration), the

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