

tions--over the doors of many hangs out a sign " *Ici on donne a manger aux pèlerins.*" There is accommodation for four or five hundred pilgrims in the village.

On the eventful morning of the "*Benediction du chemin de Fer,*" the sun, which had not been seen for some time, shone out brilliantly. From 4 o'clock in the morning "buck-boards" kept arriving from the city of Three Rivers and the adjacent parishes, and Mass succeeded Mass in the venerable old shrine of the Holy Rosary, as well as in the grand new parish church of Saint Mary Magdalen. The parish of the Cape has for its curé the Rev. Mr. Duguay, a man of well-known energy and ability. The pilgrimages, however, are under the direction, this year, of the Oblate Fathers--of whom there were five or six present. From 8-30 to 9 o'clock the three mile drive from Three Rivers to the Cape, which was decorated all along the route with boughs and flags, seemed to present but a line of carriages, as the townspeople drove out to attend the fête.

From the quay came the shrill sound of whistles, as four steamers discharged their passengers from Nicolet, St. Gregoire, St. Angele and Three Rivers. There were between five and six thousand persons assembled when Monseigneur Laflèche, accompanied by several priests, and also by Senator Montplaisir and Mr. T. Normand, M.P., who were the principal promoters of the railway, and by many other local magnates, arrived at the station. It had been arranged that the Mass should be celebrated in the open air, but as a high wind was blowing, that part of the programme was impossible, and the Mass was offered up upon the altar of the parish church by Rev. Canon Beland, the Chancellor of the diocese.

The sermon, which was given by the Bishop, was appropriate to the occasion and was listened to with respectful attention.

After the sermon a procession was formed, headed by the bands of the Three Rivers' seminary and by the Oblate Fathers, Montreal congregation.

In this procession Monseigneur Laflèche was supported by fifty priests--Franciscans, Oblates, canons, curés and vicaires, and last, though not least, two Jesuit novices, who happened to be passing through Cap de la