

## CHRONICLE OF OUTSIDE EVENTS

First investiture in the Novitiate of the Redemptorists in Hochelaga. — On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the festival of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a ceremony took place in our church of Hochelaga which will mark an epoch in the *Annals* of our vice-province. Six novices: four chorists and two lay brothers, assumed the livery of the Most Holy Redeemer. Hitherto those who aspired to the happiness of becoming Redemptorist priests in Canada, had to cross the ocean to make their novitiate in Belgium. In future this favor will be granted them without its being necessary to leave their country.

These fortunate young men are: Albert Cartier of Sorel; Eugène Dufresne of Montreal; Theophile Duval of Manchester, N. H.; Lionel Legris of Bourbonnais Ill., candidate for the priesthood; Willie Houle of Woonsocket, R. I. and Léon Bérubé of Ste Hélène, Kamouraska.

The gentlemen of the Seminary of St Sulpice, happy to find three of their former pupils among the new novices, accepted the invitation to be present at this religious festival and deputed several of their professors to attend. Some other priests of the Montreal clergy who honor our Congregation with their friendship were also there. In the nave were the relatives of these young men and a crowd of persons who wished to witness the touching ceremony.

At 9 o'clock precisely, the clergy entered the choir in procession, preceded by the fortunate privileged ones, whose modest and recollected attitude betrayed a sweet impression of joy and happiness. The ceremony began with the invocation to the Holy Ghost; then rang out the verses of the psalm in which David celebrates the miraculous deliverance of God's people from the servitude of Egypt. Soon the sacred chants were suspended, the Congrégation sat down in silence and recollectedness. The Very Reverend Father Lemieux, Vice-Provincial of the Redemptorists in Canada, delivered a paternal address to those whom he already considered his children:

*Oves meæ vocem meam audiunt.* My sheep hear my voice (John X-27.)

« You have heard, dear youths, the voice of the divine Shepherd and you have hastened to respond to it. To follow your beautiful vocation you have sacrificed everything even sweet and innocent family joys. On their side your beloved parents are at this moment making a very great sacrifice, but they console themselves in their faith in thinking that they give you to God and to Holy Church.