

Beaupré. It was then called simply « le Petit Cap. » Perhaps the eyes of the personage whom abbé Gosselin so appropriately calls the Apostle of Canada, while surveying the extent of the vast territory which he was called upon to evangelize, may have rested on the little wooden church which M. de Queylus, the parish priest of Quebec, had commenced to build close to the beach. In any case, the corner stone had been laid on the 25th March of the previous year by M. d'Ailleboust. Many striking miracles soon proved that this work was pleasing in the eyes of God.

There was as yet no question of a canonically erected parish. It was erected only 20 years afterward, on the 30th of October 1678. When Monseigneur de Laval went down from Quebec on his first pastoral visit during the winter of 1660, he stopped at Beauport and at Château Richer, where his journey ended. Thence he returned to Quebec (Gosselin I p. 203).

But the Saints have the instinct of divine matters. Through some kind of prophetic presentiment Monseigneur de Laval foresaw that this spot, already celebrated for several miracles, was one day to become the scene of the most astounding marvels. Therefore, from the very outset of his administration, he seems to have been imbued with the fixed idea of promoting devotion to St Anne, to the best of his power.

In the first place, he attended to the CHURCH. He caused the little wooden chapel commenced under M. de Queylus to be rebuilt and some years afterward he confided to M. Filion, the missionary of the *côte de Beaupré*, the task of replacing it by a church built of stone.

However there was as yet no RELIC of St Anne to be venerated by the faithful. He set to work to procure one. With that object he entered into correspondence with the Chapter of Carcassonne and his efforts were successful. In 1668, the oldest Relic of St Anne that Canada possesses was brought to New France. In the month of March 1670 it was exposed to the veneration of the faithful for the first time, and it is the same Relic that is now venerated daily. In the Treasury of the Sacristy may still be seen the small reliquary, of tubular form in which it was brought out in the time of Monseigneur