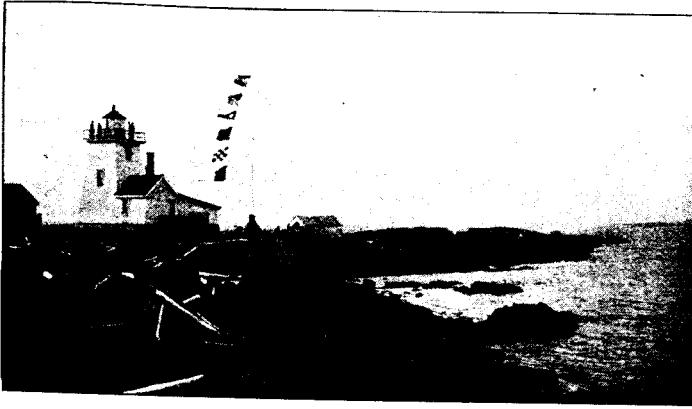




A Lower St. Lawrence Lighthouse.

the bodies of their own dead warriors. The great cross at Pointe Argentenay was carried away by the savages and raised in triumph at the Iroquois village on Lake Onondaga.

For nearly a century the island enjoyed peace; but a terrible surprise dawned on them on the 26th June, 1759, when Wolfe's fleet anchored opposite the west end of the island. Capt. Hardy had a fortified post at St. Pierre, and the disembarking of England's red-coated legions was the signal for the islanders to retire to Charlesbourg, etc.

Across the channel, on the north shore, may be seen the Côte de Beaupré, comprising several populous parishes. Let us follow Parkman's advice and make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne, at the foot of the Laurentian range, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence.

To the faithful hailing from Rome, *La Bonne Sainte Anne* is a talisman, a spot as sacred as *Notre Dame de Lourdes* and Paray-le-Monial are to French or English pilgrims. Last season the dual mode of travelling, the steamers and the Montmorency and Charlevoix railway brought 100,000 pilgrims to the shrine. The 26th June, the anniversary of the festival of St. Anne is a red letter day in the settlement, which numbers about 1000 inhabitants.

On the east of the village is the new church building, a

massive and beautiful structure of gray stone in classic architecture, richly decorated in its interior and in the lateral altars.

The old building of the church of St. Anne is on the bank just above, and is probably the most highly venerated shrine in Anglo-Saxon America.

"Over the richly adorned altar of the old church, is a picture of St. Anne, by the famous French artist

Lebrun, presented by the Marquis of Tracy, and the side altars have paintings (given by Bishop Laval) by the Franciscan Monk Lefrancois, who died in 1685. Similar gifts were also made by the Intendant Talon and by Le Moined'Iberville. There are numerous rude ex-voto paintings representing marvellous deliverances of ships in perils, through the aid of St. Anne, and along the cornices and the sacristy are great arrays of crutches, left here by cripples and invalids, who claimed to have been healed by the intercession of the Saint. Within the church is the tomb of Philippe René de Portneuf, priest of St. Joachim, who was slain with several of his people whilst defending his parish against British troops in 1759."

The colonists who founded Canada brought with them this special devotion and erected numerous churches in honour of St. Anne, the chief of which was *Saint Anne de Beaupré*, which was founded in



Cap A L'Aigle, Tadoussac.