



INTERIOR OF FRANCISCAN CHURCH, MONTREAL

Holy See the Commissariate is and will remain in the town of Three-Rivers : but until the construction of his humble residence, already begun, is completed, the Reverend Father has accepted to make his abode with us and remain here during the whole of the month of the most Holy Rosary. This venerable son of the illustrious patriarch of Assisi is gifted with a touching eloquence. His speech is gentle

easy, and captivating. Seeing him in his poor Franciscan robe, his ascetic bearing, and listening to his ever pious considerations, make one feel that he lives habitually in a superior and heavenly atmosphere."

The perfect re-establishment of Franciscan life in Canada dates from 1890 when the Franciscans opened a convent in Montreal. The *Semaine Religieuse* of the commercial metropolis welcomed their return in these words : "Welcome to these holy religious in the country which they were the first to evangelise. Their absence has seemed very long to us and we ardently desired to see them take up once more amongst us their ministry of zeal, piety and edification. Their memory has remained alive among our people, and our aged folk still relate many edifying traits about the former Recollects."

By a strange disposition of Providence it is just 25 years ago, this