

charity endowed others with the qualities and virtues that adorned his heart. He relied upon the piety and generosity of his countrymen and set to work. He communicated his views to the venerable Archbishop of Quebec who, afterwards, became His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau. Providence which disposes all things wisely could not have given him a more devoted protector. At a meeting of the Bishops assembled at Quebec, it was decided to appeal to the generosity of the faithful of all the dioceses, for the purpose of erecting a Shrine in honor of St. Anne. The pastor and parishioners of Beaupré were so touched by this decision, that they resolved to have mass said twice a month, for ever, for the benefactors of the new church. At the Bishop's appeal, at the sound of St. Anne's name, the people arose as one man; much was given, it was given heartily, and soon there arose on the banks of the St Lawrence a shrine of which Catholic Canada has reason to be proud.

Mr Blouin saw his plans partly realized. The church was built; St. Anne had blessed the enterprise of her servant, and she continued to second his efforts in promoting pilgrimages. A vast presbytery was built for pilgrim priests; the Grey Nuns of Quebec established themselves in the vicinity of the church and turned their convent into a hostelry for ladies; a petition was presented to the Government for the building of a wharf which would render access to the shrine easier. At times a pious review kept the people informed of the progress of the work; prayers were said and processions were held in the church; precious indulgences were granted by Rome to stimulate the piety of the pilgrims. St Anne was spoken of, her power was exalted, the wonders worked by her related; in a word, all things concurred to establish a current, a movement in the direction of Beaupré which went on increasing from day to day.

It 1874 there were seventeen thousand pilgrims; in 1875 the number had increased to twenty seven thousand. It took Mr Blouin four years to complete all these works; his plans were realized and we must all say that he succeeded.

A quarter of a century has elapsed since the events we have just related. In the month of September last on the road leading