

dress is fitted to the body but spreads in the skirt, reaching to the feet. It is closed from the neck to the bottom with a large number of buttons. The habit of the inferior clergy is black, but is similar in its fashion.

On our return from Quebec, we found the bishop at Point-au-Tremble, celebrating the anniversary of his consecration, attended by the head of the Recollets, three of the clergy from France, and some of the parish clergy from the city and neighbourhood.—Perfect ease prevailed among all. Towards the evening the bishop accompanied us to the banks of the river, attended by the head of the Recollets, a gentleman far advanced in life, but retaining a fund of vivacity, and a sprightly fancy and humour, which make his company acceptable in all circles.

When the sun was near setting the parish bell rung, and the company taking off their hats, conversation was suspended and devotion engrossed a few minutes. This appeared to be a signal for presenting devout thanksgivings to the Father of mercies, and is observed accordingly by the whole parish and country.