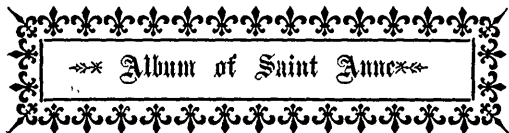


brated Canadian Shrine which many of them knew only by reputation.



Works. — For some weeks considerable works are being done in front of the church which we shall describe at length in our next number.

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## THE DEVOTION TO SAINT ANNE IN CANADA

### III.—Fort Ste Anne in Cape Breton

**T**he first steps to the devotion of St. Anne in Canada may be compared to the progress of the rays of the rising sun : the latter lightly touch the mountain tops before plunging into the depths of the valleys ; the former did not definitively implant itself until it had spread throughout the length of the country. Meanwhile its traces are easily found wherever the missionary's footsteps fall. To-day at Cape Breton ; to-morrow at Lake Superior ; later on at Quebec and finally at the Côte de Beaupré.

There is nothing in the rapid spread of this devotion to cause surprise when we know that all who came out to New France brought it with them as a precious treasure and rightly considered it as their strength and their safeguard. We must remember that that was precisely the time when the whole attention of France and even of all Europe was centred on Ste Anne. Great and small vied in giving themselves up to the most edifying of pious exercises toward the great thaumaturga. King Louis XIII himself, but above all the illustrious Queen Anne of Austria, and the entire court with them, gave the example of it. The future mother of the great king appreciated more than all the treasures of France and carried always on her person a relic of St. Anne which