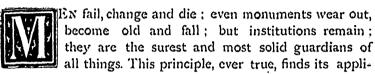


## THE DEVOTION TO SAINT ANNE IN CANADA

VIII. The Joiners' Confraternity of Madame Saincte Anne



-cation above all in works of piety and these are all the more durable when founded on more profound convictions and strengthened by a more perfect organization.

Convinced of this truth, the first inhabitants of Quebec soon erected the great devotion to St. Anne, which was already general among all the families, into a confraternity. This was easily done as every one wished to place his person and his undertakings under the patronage of that great Saint. However, to the workmen's class, to the joiners especially, is due the honor or rather the merit of having taken the first steps to attain that end.

Jean Levasseur, a former master of the Ancient Confraternity of Joiners in Paris, was, in truth, the very person to successfully carry out the undertaking. His relations with his
former associates and the influence he had gained over his
new ones made him the connecting link between Paris and
Quebec. He resolutely placed himself at the head of the
movement without fear of any difficulties or obstacles and his
efforts never ceased until the Confraternity was civilly and religiously erected in Quebec. It must also be stated that his brother, Pierre Levasseur, as well as Pierre Biron, Raymond Pagé
alias Quercy, Pierre Miville, Guillaume Loyer alias Latour,
François Gariépy, all joiners, stood always by his side ready to
second him in everything tending to that object. This was
because, in spite of the difference of their origin, they were all
anited by the same bond, that of charity or, in other terms, by