

prevailed in the port where vessels kept constantly moving to and fro and sails were always set. One bark among others, the *La Ste Anne*, never stopped; it arrived one day and sailed the next, sometimes for Three Rivers or Montreal or for the Gulf (1).

But above all these measures dictated by prudence, it was in prayer that all placed their confidence. They flocked to the churches in greater numbers; each one made a public vow to confess and receive communion at least once a month (2). In every house, women and children, masters and servants assembled before a small altar set up in honor of some saint and recited the morning and evening prayers in common.

No one can exactly say how many houses were then put under St. Anne's protection. Nevertheless it is easy to imagine that the number must have been great when we remember the number and the influence of the women who bore that name both in the communities and in the families themselves. At the Hotel-Dieu was Mother *Anne* Lecoindre of St. Bernard (3), the perfume of whose virtues pervaded her convent for twelve years. Among the Ursulines the number was still greater; nearly one half the companions of the Venerable Mary of the Incarnation, that is to say five out of eleven, did honor to that name by the benefits of education they disseminated around them. These were: Mother *Anne* le Bugle de Ste Claire; Marie *Anne* des Séraphins; *Anne* Compain de Ste Cecile; *Anne* Le Rouc de Notre Dame and Sister *Anne* Bataille de St. Laurent (4). But it was chiefly in the families that the name was borne. It is found in connection with the names best known in history, such for instance as: Auber, Maheux, Couture, Bourdon, Du Clement, Monceaux, Gagnon Pelletier, Leneuf de la Poterie, Coté, St. Denis; and also of Jacques, Badeau, Chauvin, Desprès, Hayot, Gaudin, Delaunay, Renault. Abraham Martin even gave it to two of his daughters. Louis Hebert whose name must always be at the head of the entire list

(1) Journal of the Jesuits, pp. 152, to 155, 160, 164.

(2) Jesuits Relations, 1651 p. 2.

(3) Casgrain — History of the Hotel Dieu of Quebec, p. 582.

(4) The Ursulines of Quebec, p. 194.