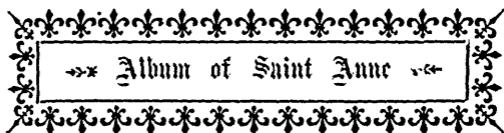


Beaupré will be more than ever the religious gathering place of the people of North America and if the church cannot contain the pilgrims, the garden will serve as a temple wherein from 15 to 20,000 faithful may follow the sacred ceremonies. May St. Anne bless our labors and our plans: the glory of God and the welfare of souls have caused them to be conceived and executed.

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THE DEVOTION TO SAINT ANNE IN CANADA

IV. — Ste Anne des Hurons.

STrange to say the Kerk brothers who were already masters of the remainder of New France in 1629, never ventured to attack Fort Ste Anne in Cape Breton, so that the French flag did not cease to float there, even during the three years of the English domination. It was still there when Champlain returned. Consequently, « that man who was a true Christian, zealous in God's service, full of candor and of religion, » (1) wished to render solemn homage to St. Anne for it. On May 5th 1633 when he arrived in front of the fort, he stopped his ships and landing, (2) he went to prostrate himself in her modest, but venerable Shrine. There surrounded by his crews and with his habitual piety, he thanked Her who had so firmly held the keys of the country during the dark years of his absence.

The chaplains of the fort at that time were Fathers Richard and Perrault two missionaries who, in imitation of Fathers Vimont and Ragueneau, passed their whole lives in the service of our great Saint. Convinced as they were that they must expect everything from her powerful protection, they

(1) Charlevoix, quoted by Ferland: vol. 1, p. 274.

(2) Ferland: vol. 1, p. 259.