

CANADA

A EUCHARISTIC COUNTRY.



HY a Eucharistic Congress in America this year preferable to elsewhere? His Grace Mgr. Bruchési, in his eloquent address at the London Congress gives the reason: "Canada has a right to the honor of a Congress because it is a Eucharistic Country."

Yes, years ago Canada was ready to receive this new effusion of Eucharistic grace, ready to give this new homage to the divine King. Does not its history which is a continuous act of generous fidelity and indissoluble attachment to the God of the Host bear out the assertion?

Looking backwards four centuries we see this fair land, now ours an immense forest and the majestic St. Lawrence flowing through vast solitude, till in 1534 Jacques Cartier landed on its banks. In whose name did he come? What king was going to take possession? The king of France? Yes, but even more truly speaking the King of our Altars, for it was after mass in the church of St. Malo that Jacques Cartier and his companions set out on their voyage of discovery. Later on France would lose this valuable conquest, but the King of the Host retain it and find in its denizens loyal and devoted subjects.

The first moment of our existence with its ideal setting, how glorious it was! That first mass on our blessed soil! Cartier and his intrepid companions hastening to erect an altar, and the priest offering to God:

"On the threshold of a world opening its doors
The divine Holocaust the strength of souls."

This was the official conquest of Canada by the God of the Host. Canada was born during the consecration of the first Mass on the continent. The Eucharist is now in possession and must affirm its reign. Consequently God sends as laborers in His vineyard such rare souls and no-