

crosses with a figure of the Christ, while others still lack the figure, but carry the hammer, nails, spear, sponge and ladder, etc. One shrine, a strange compound of mediaevalism and modernity, is a stark cross made of two sections of open trussed structural steel. Whether simple or ornate they undoubtedly lend an unusual and picturesque touch to the journey."

To complete the charm, one has to converse with the "habitants" themselves, and this will reveal a charmingly courteous and obliging race. Conversation with the small landed farmer will prove that he is a peaceable and loyal subject of the Crown, tied down to the engrossing and laborious routine of a tiller's lot, yet one so fundamental to the economical upbuilding of a nation's progress. While he is a firm adherent to the British Throne and while he is descended from a warlike stock and is appalled with confusion and wonder at the enormity of the great World War, he is rather isolated and detached from it as an active participant in its strife, being on the whole rather convinced that the acute agricultural situation demands as a duty his presence on his few arpents to win the war by feeding the nation. Rightly or wrongly this is so.

For those who would make this entrancing journey the following itinerary, with historical notes and dates of the origins of the settlements passed through, or of the foundations of the original Parish Churches, may be of interest. As there is no need to describe the tour through the commercial districts to the Eastern end of the Island of Montreal, we may commence thus :—

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13.5 Bout de L'Isle (the end of the Island). (An iron bridge is reached which crosses Isle Bourdon—an island splitting the Rivière des Prairies in two before its waters reach the broad St. Lawrence—and there is a second long iron bridge to the mainland). A former bridge crossing the river was built about 1808.

14.5 Charlemagne Village, Church of St. Simon and St. Jude (1910).

17.6 St. Paul l'Ermite, Church L. (1857).

19.0 L'Assomption (1724), Classical College (1832), 330 boarders.

27.6 St. Sulpice Church L. (1706).

(The St. Lawrence River for the remainder of the trip to Quebec is never long out of view and for many miles it is ever at hand with its inspiring glimpses of broad sunreflecting spaces and ocean bound traffic).

33.2 Lavaltrie Parish Church on left (1716), (Diocese of Joliette).

38.9 Lanoraie (1735), Ruins of Church L.

47.1 Berthierville (1727, but served from Sorel from 1672 to 1712).

47.9 Manoir de Berthier L.

51.7 St. Cuthbert Station R. (Parish 1765).

55.4 St. Viateur R. (1909).

58.3 St. Barthelemy Church R. (1828).

64.5 Maskinonge Church R. (1773). (Diocese of Three Rivers.)