

its, granted him a seigneurial domain situated on the river, including the islands then known as Iles Percées, but now designated Iles de Boucherville.



Church of the Holy Family, Boucherville.

M. de Boucher, who was not rich, wished to devote himself to the cultivation of the soil, and gathered around him none but men of spotless reputation. His first care was the erection of a manor house, near the mouth of the little river Saint - Jean, known to-day as the Sabrevois, in honor of one of his sons-in-law, Jacques Charles Sabrevois de Bleury. He surrounded his residence by palisades, and nearby constructed the first chapel of Boucherville. Opposite, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, he raised a small redoubt, traces of which still remained a few years ago. These precautions were the more necessary in that the Iroquois, en route

for New France either to attack Ville Marie or enter the North West Country, usually came down the Richelieu to Sorel, and there ascended a brook, the outlet of a small lake between Varennes and Boucherville. Thence they descended the Sa-