

with those courteous and polite agents of the C. P. R. in connection with pilgrimages.

The pilgrimage from Minneapolis was a success. Three comfortable tourist cars left the station in Minneapolis on the 14th July in the afternoon with a hundred pilgrims, besides children.

Thirty of these pilgrims were in bad health. While the train ran day and night to cover the 1300 miles between Minneapolis and Ste Anne de Beaupré, fervent were our pilgrims' prayers and great their hopes:

On Sunday the 16th July the Minneapolis pilgrims solemnly entered St. Anne's basilica to the sound of the organ and the singing of St. Anne's canticles. Then burning words of faith and love inspired in all hearts the most faithful confidence in St. Anne. And during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament our pilgrims, deeply moved, considered that they had entered the peace, the peaceful joy of heaven. This sweet rapture in all the hearts grouped around St. Anne's statue and making their vows before the altar of the shrine, made itself felt throughout the following day which was spent in an uninterrupted series of pious exercises: high mass, communions, veneration of the celebrated relic of St. Anne, prayers at the *Scala Santa*, reception of the Nicolet pilgrims, torchlight procession at night on the splendid esplanade, the whole amid unceasing supplications and chants repeated a hundred times by thousands and thousands of pilgrims.

Our faithful from Minnesota followed the evolution of these spectacles and splendors of Catholic worship. Oh! here in this Protestant and cold country we are almost completely deprived of these holy manifestations of popular faith and piety. Our people were therefore in such a state of holy content that at the hour of departure on the 18th July a number of them decided not to take the train. We left them at Beaupré tasting the heavenly affections that compelled holy king David to sing: How beloved are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts. Ps. 83.

On their return our Minneapolis pilgrims had the advantage of visiting Quebec and Montreal.

Quebec 18th July. — Father Pouliotte, a priest of Quebec,