

The second privilege consists in the use of the insignia proper to each basilica. The first and principal insignia is the *pavilion* also called tent, canopy. This is a large parasol made of alternate bands of red and yellow. The scalloped hangings ornamented with a fringe are of the same colors but opposite to one another. The upper portion terminates in a globe surmounted by a cross of gilt brass. Its place in the church is on the Gospel side. It is carried at the head of all processions, but follows the *bell*. The insignia of the Basilica consist of a baton or staff, a metal bell and a wooden ornament called the *belfry* bearing on one side the titular of the basilica and on the other the cartouch with the pavilion. In the church its place is on the Epistle side. Finally in basilicas where there is a chapter, the canons have the right to wear the *canonical Cappa* turned backwards. Such is the title and such are the privileges granted by the Sovereign Pontiff to the church of Ste Anne de Beaupré. A child is honored in the person of his father who is appointed knight of the Golden Fleece, of the Legion of Honor etc. What a glory for Canada to see the shrine of our Patroness distinguished among all the shrines of the country and decorated with a title which it alone can bear with the exception of the metropolitan church of Quebec. What attention, what kindness on the part of the Holy Father? Is not Leo XIII the Pope of Ste Anne? He crowns her statue through His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau; he endows the shrine with a precious relic, the object of our veneration and of our confidence; he enriches with numerous indulgences the arch-confraternity established at Beaupré; finally he raises her temple to the rank of minor basilica. Ah! let us not remain indifferent to so many evidences of the Holy Father's kindness. Let us appreciate his benefits and profit by his favors. Amidst the pilgrimages, let us remember that Ste Anne's shrine is a basilica commanding respect, preaching recollectedness, inspiring confidence. In giving us this insignia, Leo XIII wishes the Church of Canada to be closely united to the Roman Church, and her children to show themselves worthy of that distinction by most tender love for Her, by filial submission to her doctrines, by an attachment which the vicissitudes of life can neither break nor even disturb. R. Allard, C. SS.R.