



† 1615 - 1915 †



A NOS PREMIERS MISSIONNAIRES,

LES RÉCOLLETS:

DENYS JAMET | JEAN DOLBEAU
JOSEPH LE CARON | PACIFIQUE DUPLESSIS



LES CANADIENS RECONNAISSANTS.



erected in the village of Ahuntsic this year commemorating the first Mass and recounting the death of Father Nicolas Viel, Franciscan, first martyr in Canada.

Father John Dolbeau was a true apostle, a man inflamed with love for God and zeal for souls. He was born in Anjou, France, and was thirty years of age when he came to Canada. He can be truly styled "the first Parish Priest of Quebec." It was he who had charge of the Ministry there in 1615 and it was he who built in Quebec the first Chapel ever erected on Canadian soil.

In this chapel, built with logs of wood coarsely shaped, we must recognise and hail with emotion the Mother of those innumerable churches, cathedrals and basilicas which are to-day the most beautiful ornament as well as the purest glory of Canada and the United States.

After several years labor among the Indians, he returned to his native land where he died on June 9, 1612, at the age of 66 years and 2 months. Another bas-relief of the Monument perpetuates his memory by portraying his arrival at Quebec with Champlain, June 2, 1615.

Father Joseph Le Caron, born near Paris in France, was first a secular priest and tutor to the Duke of Orleans: he entered the Franciscan Order in 1610. He is one of the most remarkable and sympathetic figures of all the Recollects who arrived in Canada from 1615 to 1629. He became the first Apostle of the Hurons and went to live with them