

SAINT ANNE'S NEW MIRACLES

Canadian Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre Beginning to Rival Lourdes.

INCREASING NUMBER OF YEARLY PILGRIMS

Countries Near and Remote Contribute to the Throngs of Ailing Humanity Seeking Relief at the New World Mecca.

Scribes and Pharisees and doubting Thomases are among the myriads of devout pilgrims who yearly flock to the far-famed shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre.

Across the long narrow road, against the hillside, is the little old church—l'ancienne eglise de Ste. Anne de Beaupre—first built in

pilgrims through the sacred edifice and to apply the healing relic to the afflicted. A broad-shouldered, ruddy Irish priest beamed on the newcomers and laughed welcome right and left.

"Those," said the priest tersely, pointing to two great piles of crutches, that reached from the floor to ceiling on each side of the center door, "those things speak for themselves."

Special interest was attached to the history of a pair of crutches recently left in the church. Anthony O'Donnell, a pilgrim

hysterically and the vast assembly burst into a magnificent and finds relief for overwrought emotions by singing triumphant praises.

"What! cried the priest, 'are you cured?'"

"I am cured," answered the invalid with joy too great for expression.

"Convincing Doubting Thomas."

"Don't you think she could imagine that?" inquired a doubting Thomas in the crowd.

"She certainly could if she had the imagination which you evidently possess," responded the holy father. Another septi-

cal listener suggests with tact that there was a possibility of these two afflictions not being organic.

"Paralysis and spinal trouble might have resulted from mental conditions, which great religious enthusiasm removed. Now, what about people suffering from cancer who come here?" this doubter asks of Father Holland.

Name and address were given of a woman, afflicted with cancer, who had received treatment in the Quebec hospital and whose case was there pronounced incurable.

"How do you feel?" asks the priest.

"A little better, father," comes the low response. Was imagination beginning to work, or was a miracle about to take place? There were many supplicants kneeling at the altar rail. All was quiet and no special attention was directed to this paralytic.

"Continue praying," says the priest; "don't be discouraged."

A little later the priest bends over the man and inquires, "Have you courage to leave your crutches? Can you come with me, now?"

"Ho, you! What are you doing here?" called out a rude, coarse-voiced fellow, adding, contemptuously, "Why don't St. Anne cure you?"

Ignorant of English, the habitant began bowed gratefully, evidently thinking something had been added to the stock of pennies in the old hat.

"It was no pale-faced aesthete, no visionary recluse who stood at the doorway to guide

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Steam Power Gradually Retreating from Its Fortification.

CROWDED OUT BY ELECTRIC POWER

Popularity and Cheapness of Tele-phones in Sweden—Trolley Lines Linked to Amusements—Modern Progress.

"Manifest destiny," as electrical engineers put it, is reflected in many directions. George Gould announces that electric power is to be substituted for steam on the elevated roads of New York City.

The Buffalo and Lockport railroad is another steam road which has arranged for electric power. This road is made up of a branch of the Erie, which runs from Lockport to North Tonawanda, a distance of fourteen miles, and it also reaches Buffalo, eleven miles, making a total of twenty-five miles.

The power is all furnished from Niagara falls by the transmission line. The distribution is at Lockport, Tonawanda and Buffalo. On the first trip the electric locomotives hauled sixteen heavily loaded and empty freight cars, all standard Erie pattern.

The theory of handling the passenger service has been changed entirely. Instead of long intervals between trains the cars are run on half-hour headway. This reduces the number of trains to about twenty miles between Lockport and Buffalo.

The new cars are much admired, and the traffic has already become double that of the steam road. The rates of fare have been reduced 25 per cent. There is every indication that a still further increase will take place in the passenger traffic.

Telephony in Sweden. Everyone has read of the remarkable use of the telephone system in Sweden, particularly in Stockholm, and it has often been pointed out that this is the most extensive system in the world when population is considered.

The secret of this remarkable state of things is to be found mainly in the cheapness of the convenience. A householder can secure ample communication for \$10 a year.

Stockholm is served by two telephone companies, one a state institution and the other a private concern, which, by the way, is the more largely patronized. Almost every lamp post is provided with a telephone attachment, by which it is possible to call for a messenger or to have a carriage or notify the police or fire departments.

While the service is first-class in every respect, yet notwithstanding the remarkably low price for service, the company pays an annual dividend of 8 per cent.

Room to Spread.

In reply to an inquiry as to the probable effect of our new possessions on the electrical trade, an expert says that probably the largest drafts on the electrical trade will be for telephone and telegraph apparatus and supplies and electrical machinery.

The electric fan business will unquestionably have an enormous boom as one of the first necessities of anxiety of every man in a hot climate is how to keep cool. The conditions on the vast sugar and tobacco estates in Cuba seem to be especially favorable for the use of a system of electric transmission. All attempts to devise a machine that will cut down the sugar cane have failed.

A Paying Lead.

Electric railroads have struck a new and handsomely paying lead. Many of them are going into the amusement business, as an auxiliary to the operation of their lines. The president of a Pennsylvania traction company conceived last spring the project of giving the passengers on its cars, and the general public also, a free vaudeville performance.

and also an extra fee for any special attraction within the pleasure ground itself is recommended. It was the general belief that the promotion of amusement enterprises was a good method of stimulating business, and that while it might cause a congestion on a certain part of the line, this portion might serve as a feeder to the others.

Taking for his text the "reverend" promoter of the late electrolytic salts swindle, the lucrative activity of Keeley and of Pen-pole, of battery notoriety, Jacques L. Morgan pays his addresses to modern electrical fakirs, whose operations, he says, are characterized by impudence, which is successful only because it is colossal as to paralyze all attempts to gauge it.

The Russian imperial yacht, lately completed at a cost of \$1,750,000, is one of the most elaborately fitted craft ever built. Its electrical equipment is specially notable. The vessel is lighted throughout by electricity, over 3,000 lamps being installed in the apartments, cabins and corridors.

No Dictation.

Electricity in the Patent Office.

The last report of the commissioner of patents gives some historical notes on the influence of patented inventions in the creation of electrical industries.

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value of \$458,400. The investment in electric lighting stations and plants in the United States today is estimated at over \$500,000,000.

New Use for Electric Heat.

It has been suggested that the manufacturers of electric heating devices might find a market for the dynamite thawer operated by electricity, a thing for which there is now urgent demand.

Electricity on Board a Yacht.

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apologetically speaking, of course, since she remained sitting where she was.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD.

Gallium Sells for \$3,250 an Ounce—Other High-Priced Metals.

"We will now compare these prices with those of the rarer and less well known metals. To take them in alphabetical order, barium, the metal which Davy isolated from its ore, baryta, in 1808, sells for \$500 a pound when it sold at all, and calcium is worth \$1,800 a pound.

"Gallium is worth \$250 per ounce, indium \$150, iridium \$658 a pound, lanthanum \$175 and lithium \$160 per ounce. Niobium costs \$128 per ounce, osmium, palladium, platinum, potassium and rhodium bring, respectively, \$640, \$400, \$130, \$25 and \$512 per pound. Strontium costs \$128 an ounce, tantalum \$144, thorium \$272, vanadium \$230, yttrium \$184 and zirconium \$250 an ounce.

The Astral.

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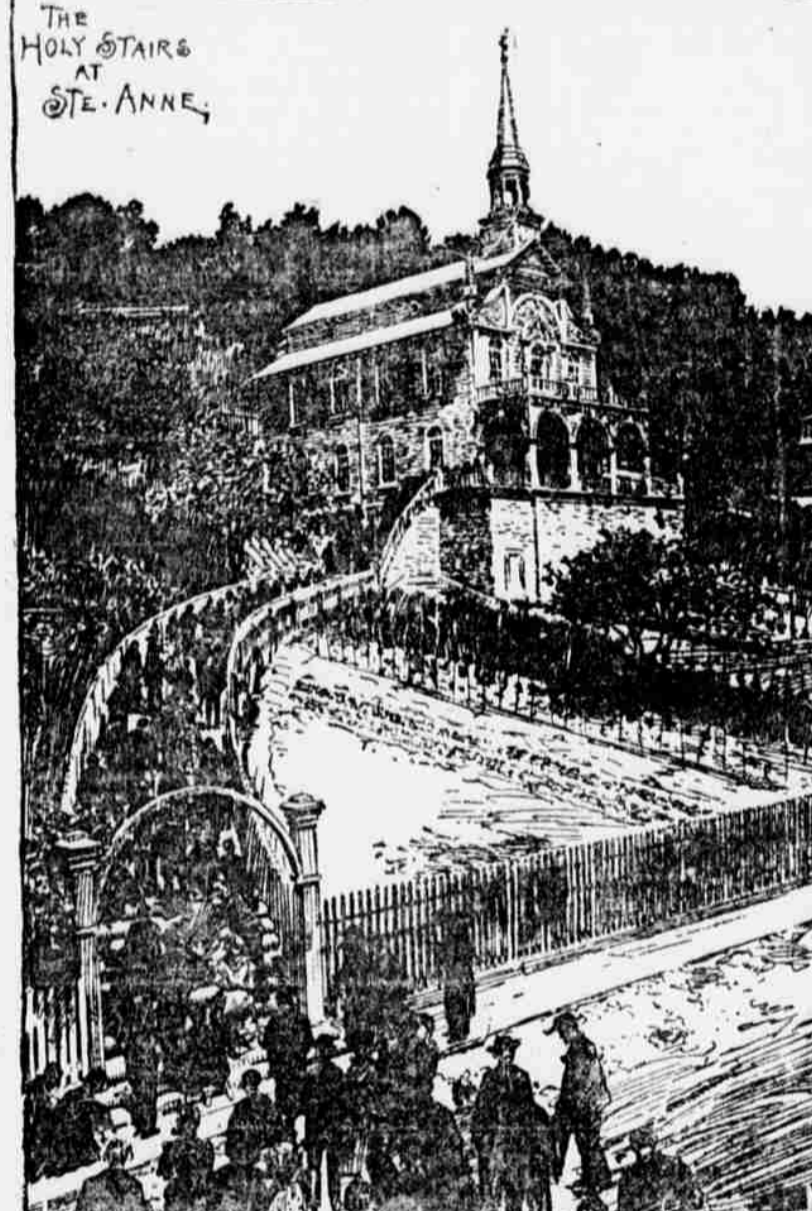
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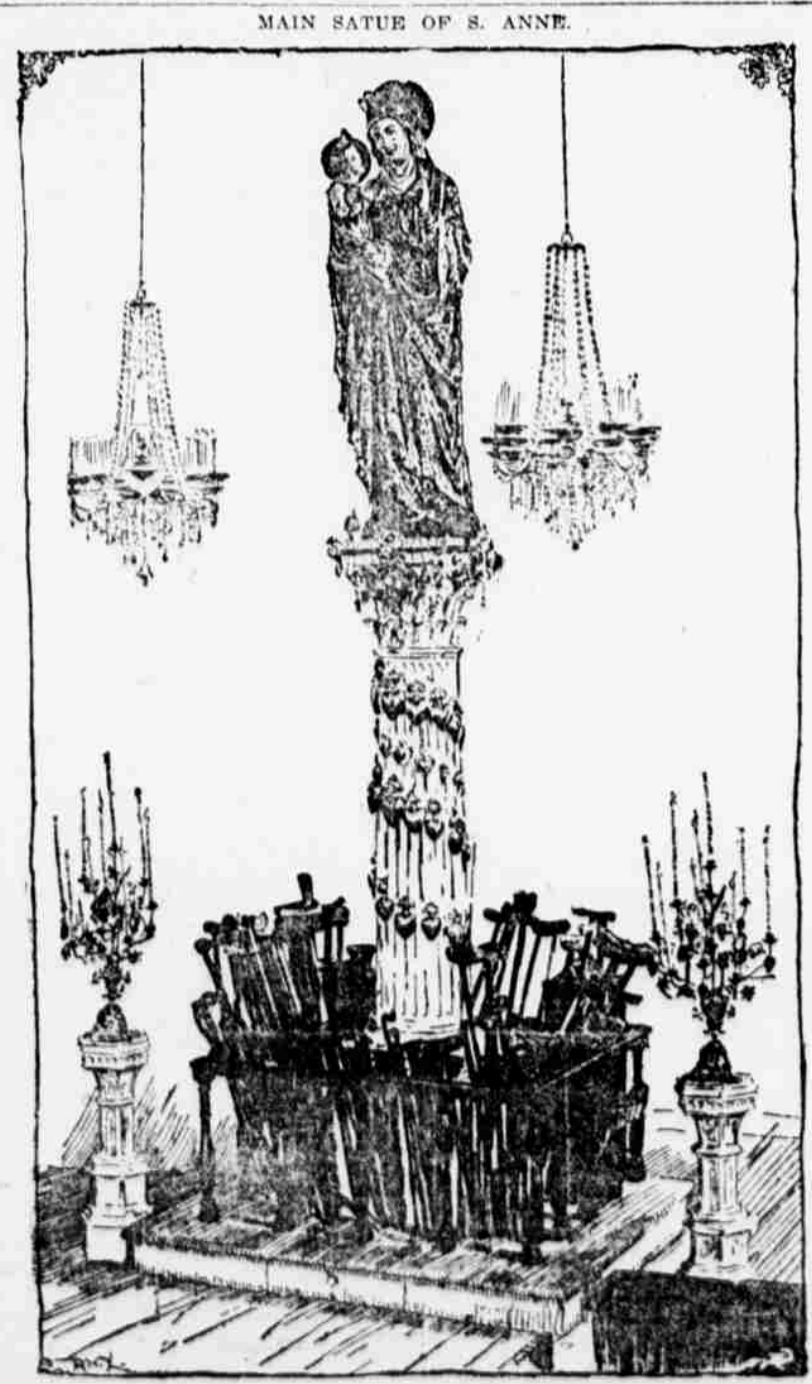


THE HOLY STAIRS AT STE. ANNE'S.



THE WATER FLOW AT STE. ANNE'S.

1869 by grateful Breton sailors, who ascribed their preservation during a violent storm on the river to St. Anne's intervention and vowed to erect a chapel in her honor, whenever they were permitted to come to shore.



MAIN STATUE OF S. ANNE.

from a well known place in one of the eastern states, had been brought to Ste. Anne's, suffering from paralysis of one side. He was placed before the altar rail of the rear chapel, where he knelt in earnest prayer.

A more impressive monument to religious belief and human gratitude than the interior of the basilica could not be found. Neither artistic skill nor money has been spared to honor St. Anne by lavish decoration of the great church.

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ANHEUSER-BUSCH BEER advertisement with logo and text: Contains every element that makes a healthful and desirable beverage, Purity, Perfect Brewing, Proper Age, Giving piquancy, zest, satisfaction, true refreshment.

Snap Shots advertisement: Have Hit the Bull's-Eye of Public Favor. The Best Exposition Pictures Out. Forty-eight Views (5x7 Inches). Very low rates on large quantities. At the Business Office of The Omaha Bee.