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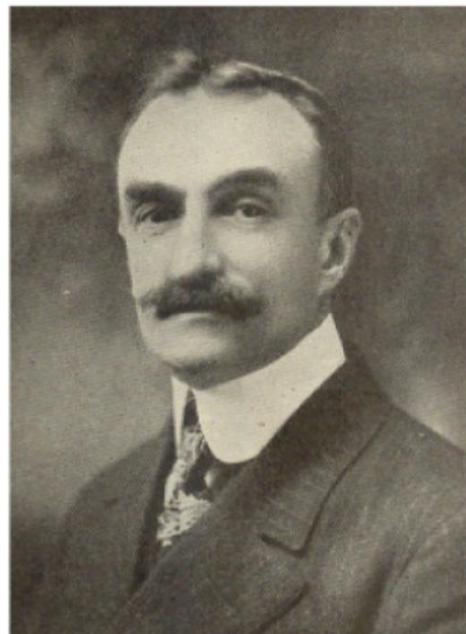
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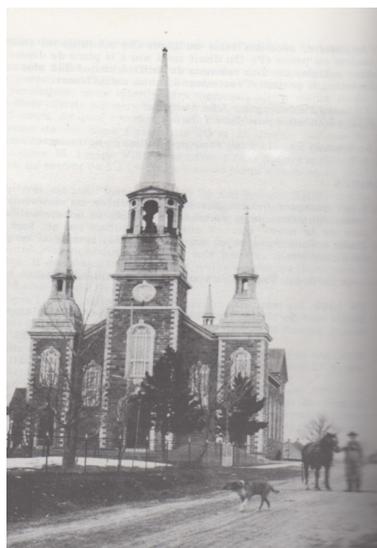
## Eugenie's sayings, my mother'

### The linen cable - 1884

When I was a child, Mom, who greatly admired her mother-in-law Aurelie<sup>2</sup> with whom she had lived several years after her marriage, brought back certain memories concerning her, for example, the blessing of the new church bells, in 1884. The sentences that follow are a condensed account of what I remembered from her remarks after these long years<sup>3</sup> ...

Many women in the nascent parish have made an important contribution at the time of this event, notably to form and braid the cable used to hoist the large bell in the church steeple. Five experienced spinners worked tirelessly to spin the necessary linen fibers, assemble them, and then braid them, as this cable had to be made entirely with this fiber. Its diameter, to support such a load, must have at least one inch (2.5 cm). And, of course, the threads used for such a work had to be absent from knots. To obtain the desired cable size, the threads chain had to measure not less than a half mile length (not less than 2,840 feet or 800 meters) before being twisted (twisted to form a rope, a cable). With a string made with so much art, the bell has been brought to the top by valiant arms without a hitch. My mother-in-law, Mrs Pierre Chabot (Aurelie) was one of the spinners. It was herself who once told me this story. She was chosen because she was known as an excellent spinner. It was in St. Magloire - where her husband, Pierre, and her had settled in 1879 - that she had probably learned to cultivate, to harvest, to treat and then to spin linen.

1. Daughter of Marcel Chabot and Rose-Delima Goupil, when Eugenie was born, her parents lived on a small road called "rang du Petit-Buckland", in the extreme south of the parish. Her and Dad were distant cousins and they probably got an exemption to have the right to get married at the Church.

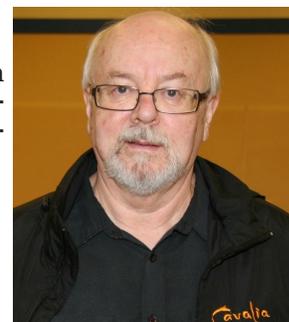


Church of St. Lazare in 1924.

2. Aurelie Bilodeau was the daughter of Andre Bilodeau, a merchant in St. Lazare, and Ozine Larochelle.

3. When writing this text, I remembered that it was question of this fact in a book titled "***In the heart of Bellechasse County – Saint-Lazare – 150 years of Parish life***" which Eugene Cote, son from the Parish of St. Lazare is the author.

Picture taken from the book quoted above. The man holding the horse by the bridle is Mr. William Labrecque, is one of those who built the church. Picture courtesy of Father Letourneau.



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