

# LAYS CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH



Scene at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Slavonic Church.

## Services at the Site of the Slavonic House of Worship on Fell Street, Between Gough and Franklin.

**W**ITH service of prayer and song the corner stone of the **Church of the Nativity of Our Lord** was laid yesterday. The new church, situated on Fell street between Franklin and Gough streets, will be the only Slavonic house of worship on this Coast.

Shortly after 2:30 o'clock a procession made up of over 500 worshippers formed at St. Ignatius Church and marched to the site of the laying of the corner stone. A platform had been erected for the services, and Archbishop Montgomery, followed by a number of priests and altar boys, took up a position before the large crowd that had assembled to witness the ceremony.

Archbishop Montgomery spoke at length on the good work being done by the Slavonic residents in subscribing toward the fund for the erection of the church. He said that the entire Catholic community would assist in every possible way to aid the new house of worship. He asked the people present

to assist in having the church completed before Christmas, so that the dedication services could be held at the happiest time of the year. At the close of his address the Archbishop introduced Father Henry Vontemple, who has just arrived in this country to take charge of the new church. Father Vontemple addressed the people of his own nationality and spoke in their native tongue.

The corner stone was slowly lowered into place, while the choir of more than 100 voices chanted the service. Archbishop Montgomery placed the first bit of mortar beneath the stone that will help sustain the new church. Following the laying of the corner stone a collection was taken up, and many, aside from the Slavonic people, contributed toward the fund. Father Vontemple will be assisted by Father Francis De Turk in conducting the new parish.

The committee having charge of the exercises was as follows: Tony Sear, Andrew Glover, J. Kistnich, J. Sambrallo, V. N. Bakulich, Anton Pilcovich, M. Gerich, A. Batchia, A. Conich, John Stariha.