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turning towards the Chevalier de Callieres, he conjured him so to act that no one thereafter could reproach him with abusing the confidence placed in him.

His voice failing, he ceased speaking, and received from all present applause, to which he was too well accustomed to be affected by it, especially in his actual condition; in fact he never opened his lips in council without receiving such applause even from those who disliked him. He was not less brilliant in conversation in private, and they often took pleasure in provoking him to hear his repartees, always animated, full of wit, and generally unanswerable. In this he was the only man in Canada, who was a match for the Count de Frontenac, who often invited him to his table to give his officers this pleasure.

His death  
and eulogy.

The Governor-General replied that he would never separate the interests of the Huron nation from those of the French, and he pledged him his word to satisfy the allies of both, especially on the question of prisoners. He felt worse at the close of the session, and was carried to the Hotel Dieu, where he died two hours after midnight,<sup>1</sup> in most Christian sentiments, and aided by the sacraments of the Church. His nation felt the extent of the loss it suffered, and it was the general opinion that no Indian had ever possessed greater merit, a finer mind, more valor, prudence or discernment in understanding those with whom he had to deal. His measures were always found wise, and he was never without resource; hence he always succeeded. At first he used to say that he knew only two men of talent among the French, the Count de Frontenac and Father de Carheil. In the sequel he knew others to whom he rendered the same justice. He had an especial esteem for the wisdom of the Chevalier de Callieres, and his ability in the management of affairs.

His esteem for Father de Carheil it was undoubtedly which determined him to embrace Christianity, or at least to live in conformity to the maxims of the gospel. This

<sup>1</sup> The Vie de Mlle Mance is silent as to le Rat's death.