

1702. some grounding the step on the high price of our goods. This old and but too well-founded complaint, sprang in part from the poverty of the Canadian settlers, and in part from the avarice of the merchants both in France and the colony. At all events it was a pretext ever open to the Indians—with some to excuse their inconstancy, with others to cloak their ill-will.

Death of
the
Chevalier
de Callieres

1703.

Under such circumstances the most urgent point was to baffle the intrigues of the English in the Iroquois cantons, and here the Chevalier de Callieres began. He then wrote to the court for recruits; he planned the completing of the fortifications of Quebec,¹ and took all other steps that his experience and ability suggested. He was himself the greatest resource of New France, which had the misfortune to lose him at the moment when he was most necessary. He died at Quebec, May 26th, 1703, justly regretted as the most accomplished General the colony had yet had, and the man who had rendered it the most important services.²

The
Marquis de
Vaudreuil
succeeds
him.

By his death the general command remained in the hands of the Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor of Montreal. He was greatly beloved by the Indians, and the valor he had displayed on several occasions during the last war, together with his noble and amiable manners, had gained him the affection and acquired the esteem of the whole colony. Hence it, with one accord, solicited him as Governor-General. Moreover he had no rival, over whom the position he occupied, his experience, and his knowledge of Canadian affairs, did not give him a great superiority. Mr. de Champigny, who had been the rival of de

¹ He also summoned troops from Montreal. De Callieres to Pontchartrain, Nov. 4, 1702. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 737.

² He had never enjoyed vigorous health, and suffered from gout, but was seized with a hemorrhage while at High Mass in the Cathedral on Ascension day, and died a few days after. He was buried in

the Recollet Church beside Frontenac. Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hôtel Dieu., p. 409. On his coffin was inscribed, Cy gist Haut et Puissant Seigneur, Hector de Callieres, Chevalier de St. Louis, Gouverneur et Lieutenant-General de la Nouvelle France, décédé le 26 May, 1703. Smith, History of Canada, i., p. 148.