

1725. Montreal, several other colonial officers, ecclesiastics, Recollects, Jesuits, perished there with all the crew, and the shore the next day was strewn with corpses and bales.

Death of the  
Marquis de  
Vaudreuil.

The death of the Marquis de Vaudreuil put the finishing stroke to these losses. This Governor died at Quebec on the 10th of October, 1725,<sup>1</sup> regretted in proportion to the eagerness shown to have him at the head of the colony, and after an administration of twenty-one years, the happy events of which were due in no small degree to his vigilance, firmness and good management, as well as the success that always attended his undertakings, and the fact that no miscarriages could be imputed to him.<sup>2</sup> The Chevalier de Beauharnois, captain in the navy,<sup>3</sup> succeeded him the next year; and the tranquillity enjoyed under his administration, induced him to undertake to penetrate to the South Sea, by one of his officers well attended.<sup>4</sup> The

<sup>1</sup> The Marquis de Vaudreuil went to France in 1714 on the *Heros*. His wife, who sailed for France in 1709, was taken by an English ship, but was treated with respect, and landed at Havre de Grace. They returned in 1716, and she sailed back to France in one of the first ships, after her husband's death.

The Marquis de Vaudreuil was buried in the Cathedral, and the following inscription was placed on his coffin: "Cy gist le haut et puissant Seigneur Messire Philippe Rigaud, le Marquis Vaudreuil, Grand Croix de l'ordre militaire de St. Louis, Gouverneur et Lieutenant-Général de toute la Nouvelle France, décédé le dixieme Octobre, 1725." Smith, i., p. 190

<sup>2</sup> Charles le Moyne, Baron de Longueuil, (born Dec. 10, 1656; Captain since 1691; Governor of Three Rivers in 1720, and Governor of Montreal since 1724,) administered the colony after de Vaudreuil's death (see Daniel, i., p. 61,) and solicited his place, but the court was advised not to appoint a Canadian. He died

June 7, 1729. Daniel, i., p. 57-63.

<sup>3</sup> Charles, Chevalier and subsequently Marquis de Beauharnois de la Boische, was commissioned ensign in the navy, Jan'y 1, 1692; lieutenant in 1696; captain of a frigate May 9, 1707; of a ship of the line April 23, 1708; Governor of Canada Jan'y 11, 1726; (commission in the *Arrets et Ordonnances*, iii., p. 67.) Commodore, May 1, 1741; lieutenant-general of the naval forces, Jan'y 1, 1748. As a naval officer he showed great ability. He died July 13, 1749, leaving no issue by his wife, Renée Pays. Napoleon III., through his mother, Hortense Beauharnois, is descended from Claude de Beauharnois, brother of Charles. Ferland, ii., p. 430. Daniel, ii., p. 348. Begon the Intendant, married a sister of Beauharnois. *Ib.* p. 394.

<sup>4</sup> This alludes to the explorations of Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, *Sieur de la Vérendrye*, son of René Gauthier, *Sieur de Varennes*. After serving in New England and Newfoundland, he went to Europe and was severely wounded at Malpla-