

brought the 1st Horse, of which the habitans made a present to Monsieur the governor." A few days later, that official is requested to permit the election of a procuror syndic by the habitans; they are "referred to the general assembly." Toward the end of the month, the cannon are brought back from Fort Richelieu, which is now abandoned. The priest of the Ursulines attempts to set his own price on some beaver skins; but these are confiscated, and taken from his room.

Early in July, the Abenakis ask that Father Dreuilletes may return to them; but this is refused, because the Capuchin fathers ask that this field of labor be left to them. On the 19th, a consultation is held by the Jesuits, concerning "the Beaver trade carried on at Sillery." The matter is thus decided: "That, if the warehouse were reasonable, we were obliged in conscience not to divert the trade elsewhere. If it were not reasonable, we might with conscience dissimulate—the habitans having the right, by nature and from the king, to trade. That, whether the warehouse were reasonable or not, we were not compelled to trade." July 21, the habitans elect Jean Bourdon as their procuror syndic, and set aside their former directors. Some men, while drinking and smoking, set fire to the building where they sleep, and one Bastien, a servant of the Jesuits, and a dissipated fellow, is burned to death while drunken; consequently, his body is not buried in consecrated ground.

This year, a change takes place in the government of the Canadian colonies, by which is formed a council of three persons, one of whom is to be the superior of the Jesuits. Several new missionaries arrive