

the court of France. The fortifications that had been begun by Messrs. Le Vasseur and Beaucourt were not continued because they had no ditch.<sup>59</sup>

*August 7.* St. Valier the Bishop purchased of the Jesuits the ground of de la Durantaye for 20,000 francs, for the nuns of the General Hospital, of which he is considered the founder.

The portrait of Louis XV. was sent this year to the college as a present to them.

Le Père Charlevoix arrived from France by order of the court, to collect informations for the discovery of the mer d'Occidt [Western sea]; he is to return by Mobile.<sup>60</sup>

*1721.* The winter was very mild this year.

*Juin.* 108 homes were burnt in 4 hours time. The fire began at the Hotel Dieu; the wadding of a gun occasioned it.

*September, 1725.* Accounts were received, by a small vessel from Cape Breton, of the loss of the King's ship, Le Chameau ["the *Camel*"], and all her crew, consisting of 250 men, near that island. Among the passengers coming over were Mr. de Chazel, the new Intendant, and three Jesuits.

*October 1st.*<sup>61</sup> At ½ past 8 o'clock this morning died the Marquis de Vaudreuil, having governed the country very wisely and happily during 20 years, after 5 months of indisposition.

\* *December 25.* The Palace [it must be the Intendant's—note by W. H. Smith]—which was burned 13 years ago, and rebuilt by the care of Monsieur Begon—has burned a second time. The fire caught from a stove in the room of Monsieur d'Aigremont, commissary, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

*16 October, 1726.* Mr. Begon, the Intendant (*that is*