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Stirring Tales of Canada's Early Days

Frontenac Was Arrogant Until Proud Councillors Paid Him Due Homage

For ten years he dominated the col- in opposition to the governor. ony in the velley of the St. Lawrence and of magnificent planning for the population who saw in him internal strife also, for, the impetu- tle colony 's defence, much of trade and commerce, postmaster- place amongst them. general, minister of agriculture, The council sat now in the newlyminister of marine and fisheries, completed interdant's palace in of finance, minister of immigration stands to-day, instead of as formerly and colonization, minister of the in- in the governor's residence on the terior, minister of customs, minister rock, the Chateau St. Louis, above of inland revenue-all in one. There whose foundations towers the preswas nothing left to the governor but ent Canadian Pacific Railway hotel. titular supremacy, defence and In- the Chateau Frontenac. There, in dian affairs. For a while Frontenac the fine new council chamber on the attempted to assert an equivocal second floor, on Monday, February right to sit as president of the 20th, 1690, met the councillors, council, but after bitter quarrelling their main business being the proand as bitter complaints to the court, blem of persuading the governor to the king awarded this last also un- attend. The attorney-general equivocally to the intendant. From ported that on several occasions that moment the strife was .unre- had urgently invited the governor to strained, and the entire colony was fill his vacant chair. The intendant divided into two warring factions added that he had also done so. that actually came to blows in the the last meeting it had been decided

ry seething. With every boat there arrived in wishes. The attorney-general France, hot, recriminatory de-ported that his lordship had replied spatches from both officials, through that the council knew its duties and which interminable documents the that when the king's service detifully labored himself, and it served he would be found there. the end he wearied, and, for the sake was expecting some definite show of of peace, in 1682, recalled both gov- respect on the part of the council

de Denonville. Both succeeded in observed in receiving the governor. kicked his heels in genteel poverty name the day. France had become desperate by to take his place, and tactfully re-Troquois, against whom the Marquis cided to ask the governor and the greatly troubled with pimples and membership was present—the bish- Majestically he moved to his throne them apart. Not so their father, a de Denonville was helpless, the king intendant both to write to his masores breaking out on my face, and op, the intendant, the attorney-gen- at the head of the room and, being pisno tuner, who had his own proand impoverished old servant Fron- ing the ceremony to be followed in friend recommended me to take B. B. hour appointed four of the council- most polished manner of which he spring. He explained to the friend recommended me to take B. B. hour appointed four of the councilhim into audience, he commissioned Villeray, reported that, as decided has eliminated all the impurities There they waited till the Comte de the eight years which remained to "Precisely," replied the father, Canada. "I ask nothing more of three colleagues had waited on the you will serve me as ably as you said: did when you were there before."

The task which faced the earl, sixty-nine years of age, was appalling, but he sniffed the scent of battle, planned immense activity and was happy. Had he not, moreover, the unqualified approval of his royal master? Would he not be now indisputably lord of the colony? Jesuits, who had been his bitter nemies and had intrigued for his recall; the bishop, who had sided against him; the sovereign council,

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stantly that corn stops hurting, then Chateau St. Louis, while his colshortly you lift it right off with fing- leagues sat idly waiting his return.

Copyright 1925, Selwyn P. Griffin. which had thwarted, checked Louis de Buade, Comte de Fron- exasperated him so often, he would tenac, by far the most picturesque and could now discipline them; he and powerful personality among the would make them crawl. There was French governors of Canada, arrived a new intendant. He should never

The vigorous old man landed and the savage tribes in the west- October at Quebec, welcomed ecstaten restless, surging years of effort, tically by torchlight by the whole mighty envisioned empire of the fu- saviour. From October, till Februture in the heart of the American ary he was unrestingly occupied continent. They were years of bitter with the pressing business of the litous and regal disposition of the time at Montreal. Even when he re great earl would brook no division turned to Quebec he paid little atof command and such division the tention to the details of domestic king, in his wisdom, had most de- affairs and ignored the sovereign finitely wrought into the constitu- council. The members of the latter, tion of the colony. For something most of whom had held their posiover two years there was no intend- tions continuously for many years, ant to impinge upon the governor's and, therefore, during the stormy prerogative, and he used that period period of Frontenac's first administo reduce to abject submission the tration, were chagrined at the govtown and island of Montreal which ernor's neglect. Moreover, his conthority at Quebec. Then came ernor's presence was necessary Duchesneau as intendant, an office Finally, they realized that the goverwhich was that of secretary of state, nor was waiting till they should minister of justice, minister of humbly supplicate him to take his

minister of public works, minister lower town, where Boswell's brewery streets of Quebec and kept the coun- tha the attorney-general should wait upon the governor to learn

patient, hard-working sovereign du- manded his presence in the council him right for pinning his faith to The attorney-general saw in this such a clumsy system. However, in remark a hint that the governor He suggested that, inasmuch as During the next seven years the now that the council no longer sat colony was governed first by Col. de in the Chateau St. Louis, it had no la Barre, and second by the Marquis precedent as to the ceremony to be

lowering the prestige of the French It should commission certain of its among the Indian tribes, both en- members to wait upon the earl and emy and ally, while the old earl invite him to take his seat and to at court, enjoyed the stimulating The councillors solemnly debated society of his charming, brilliant, this. The records of the proceedings famous but independent counters, or of former years were brought in made one of the select group of and diligent search made as to how sparkling literary and artistic wits governors, bishops and intendants (among them the great-Midfiere) had previously been received. After who met at the great Paris house of considerable discussion it was dehis sister, Madame de Montmort, cided that four councillors should When finally the situation of New wait upon the governor, invite him

ment for that flery energy and near February 27th, there were present to say that your remedy has given their colleagues waiting, climbed required. Frontenac had begun his told the difference by pinching them. genius of his, may have caused him the intendant and five councillors, me the desirable results, and I now the steep streets and presented them- second administration in the major "Good heavers! You must not do some twinge of remorse. Calling The senior councillor, M. Rouer de have a nice, smooth, clear skin, as it selves at the Chateau St. Louis. key which he was to maintain for that. You'll make them cry." him a second time as governor of at the previous meeting, he and his you," the sovereign said, "than that governor, and, as spokesman, he had

> "Your excellency, we are come o behalf of the sovereign council to invite you to take your place with that body. We should have come earlier had it not been that the council, having no precedent, is at a loss as to the precise ceremony befitting the occasion of receiving the governor, and also the bishop and intendant. We should be happy to know your excellency's wishes concerning your reception, assuring your excellency that our whole intention is to render cheerfully all observance due your person."

> M. de Villery went on to say that the governor had replied that he was astounded at the forgetfulness of the council; that it was the council's place to inform him of their arrangements, and that when the council did so he would consider what he should do. However, he thanked the council for honoring him with the deputation, and he thanked the deputation for their courtesy in coming.

Forthwith there followed warm discussion. Finally, it was decided that the senior councillor should proceed immediately to the governor's presence to inform him that the council proposed that, when he should be pleased first to take his eat, four councillors would meet intendant's palace and conduct him nto the council chamber and to his

Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little Up the steep ascent of Mountain esone" on an aching corn, in- Hill toiled M. de Villeray to the To the lordly old earl humbly he set Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of forth the council's proposal, adding "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient that the council was ready to receive to remove every hard corn, soft corn, him with every mark of honor in its foot calluses, without soreness or ir. power. The governor replied that the suggested procedure did not tally

with that followed by sovereign councils in France in similar circumstances. To this M. de Villeray answered that the council had found no sure rule, though it had searched industriously, but that it had hoped proposal would please him. Would his excellency be so kind as to tell the council exactly what observance obtained in France? The governor replied briefly that the council could find out from the

When the senior councillor re anxiously-waiting colleagues in the lower town they passed a resolution that the bishop should be invited to take his place in the council to in the county in the autumn of 1672. be allowed to begin assuming airs throw what light he could upon the

had still retained some show of par- tinued absence crippled their trans- to the council hall in the palace, and tial independence of the central au- actions, to validate which the gov- that, if this was not acceptable, let senior councillor was given power to promise anything.

M. de Villeray climbed and returned. He reported that the governor seemed satisfied with the council's proposal for his first reception, but wanted to know how it proposed to receive him each time afterward. Moreover, he insisted on seeing the minutes of the council recording the

discussions upon the whole subject. The intendant lost his temper. He said that the council had honestly done its best to satisfy the dignity of the governor. He thought that, pending a precise ruling from his majesty, nothing more ought to be done for the everyday reception of the governor than what had been far the usual practice. Thereupo he got up and went out.

The attorney-general moved that the minute book be shown the gov ernor, and that the senior councillor once more wait upon the governor to propose that he be received each time of attendance by two councillors either at the entrance to the ante-chamber or at the head of the stairs. If this was not enough the senior councillor should have power to offer any ceremony within reason. The motion was adopted.

A week later, Monday, March 13th ,the council once more assembled, this time minus the intendant. who was disgusted with the whole business. M. de Villeray reported that he had offered the minute book

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subject. They then adjourned. The next Monday, March 6th. found the council once more assembled, the intendant, the attorneygeneral and five councillors present. The intendant reported that, in accordance with the resolution of the last meeting, he had spoken to the bishop, who had begged to be excused as he had no idea , what honors should be paid the governor when he arrived to assume his place. On the motion of the attorney-general it was then decided that the senior councillor should again climb to the Chateau St. Louis and lay before the governor the council's new proposal that four councillors should present themselves at the Chateau St. Louis to accompany him thence and they would render them. The

> cil. The governor had graciously replied on perusal of the minutes that he recognized with pleasure the sincere endeavor of the council omit nothing due his rank and person, and that if it had proposed anything beyond the minimum re quired he would most certainly have forbidden it, inasmuch as he was very jealous of the dignity of a body of which he was the head. He said that he would be satisfied if at

his first appearance four councillors conducted him from the Chauteau St. Louis, and if at each subsequent appearance two councillors met him at the head of the stairs in the palace. In genial humor he thanked the council for its consideration, and remarked that he would take his

> place after Easter. The council had crawled most abjectly for five weeks. It had learned its lesson, been taught its political manners. The governor could afford to be genial. The bishop had most cautiously kept clear of the controversy and the intendant withdrawn in undisguised pique. To emphasize the point, the

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