

made on October 13th, 1732, only three years after the re-introduction of the card money, is described his little hoard of ready cash :

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Item une boîte de papier marbré dans laquelle s'est trouvée un sac dans lequel sac s'est aussi trouvé

28 Ecus blanc de 6 livres	-	158
6 Demi Ecus " 3 "	-	18
26 Ecus " 4 " 10 sols	117	
2 Louis d'or " 20 "	-	40
4 " " " 25 "	-	100
En Cartes ayant cours en ce pays	358	
		791

Nearly one-half of the hoard, probably the savings of years, as will be seen, consisted of card money, which shows that shortly after its second adoption it had become the chief currency of New France.

Another inventory, made six months later, brings out this fact much more clearly, as by far the larger proportion of the cash on hand is made up of card money. In the stock sheets of Billeron, a merchant of Montreal, taken after his death in 1733, is the following :

Une armoire dans laquelle s'est trouvée un petit sac de coton dans lequel s'est trouvé en monnaie de carte la somme de 1359 livres, 15 sols et en espèces sonnantes, celle de 23 l. 14 s. et une ordonnance sur le trésor de 50 livres.