

GOVERNORS OF CANADA PRIOR TO THE
CONQUEST.*(Continued.)*

THE arrival of M. de Mesy the new Governor commenced a new era in the Political History of Canada. The attention of the King of France having been directed to the decay of the Company of "One Hundred Associates," and the deplorable condition of New France, measures were at length taken for placing the affairs of the colony on another footing. It was in fact, determined to constitute Canada a Royal Government like the Parliament of Paris, the principal functionaries of which should be appointed by the King, and be immediately responsible to him. On the 15th September, 1663, the principal functionaries who were to govern Canada under the new regime, arrived at Quebec. They were M. de Mesy, Governor; M. Laval, Vicar-Apostolic, and subsequently Bishop; also the Royal Commissioner, M. Gaudias. They were accompanied by a number of military and law officers, soldiers, and several hundred new settlers.

AUTOGRAPH OF M. DE MESY.

The Governor applied himself vigorously in the discharge of his duties, according to his own views of the powers delegated to him; but ere long dissension arose between him and M. Laval, which finally resulted (in 1664) in an order from the King, that Marquis de Tracy, recently appointed Viceroy over the Colonial possessions of France, should proceed to Canada and endeavor to rectify any mistakes which had been made. A new local Governor, M. de Courcelle, was nominated to supersede DeMesy, and a tri-