

Seminary, the Hôtel Dieu and the Congregation. There still remains almost a perfect example of the house of a rich merchant of the time, and that is the **Hubert-Lacroix house** in St. Jean Baptiste Street now occupied by The National Drug & Chemical Company as a laboratory. On the right of the large gateway may still be seen the little iron-doored, iron-windowed office where business was carried on, and overhead, the large vaulted chamber where stores and furs were kept. The rest of the house is almost perfect: four handsome fire places, with their graceful woodwork, attest the excellent taste of the proprietor or his architect, and the spacious hearth in the kitchen where the massive crane still hangs, tells of a generous larder and of old-fashioned hospitality. From examination of documents of the time we know that there would be numerous outbuildings, including the luxury of a well-filled ice house; and a carefully tended garden and orchard, were the usual adjunct of a house of such standing in those days.

This is the only house which has come down to us in such perfect form, but in its day there were many others such as those of Charles LeMoine, of Jacques Le Ber, Carion, afterwards of LeMoine de St. Hélène, on St. Sulpice Street, now covered by the new extension of the Parish Church, and of Dulhut, the Explorer of the West, at the bottom of Jacques Cartier Square.

Now for a glimpse at the interior of such houses: the principal rooms would be covered with hangings of Italian or Flemish stuff, and the floors carpeted. On account of the cost of carriage, furniture was but seldom imported