

England and New France. From studying the correspondence of the times and certain papers of the family, we learn that L. de Beaujeu, without being what you call of large proportions, was, however, of dignified bearing; also he was excellently proportioned, clever and agile in all bodily movements. No one could endure more toil than he. Having arrived in face of the enemy, he became more than a man; the soldier was transformed into a lion. The fact is, he never marched, but went bounding at the head of his troops.

From having lived long among the savages he knew well all the dialects in use among the different tribes.

Affable without undue familiarity, generous beyond all expression, no one knew better than he how to adjust himself with more art to the character of the savage allies, and all from being able to speak to them in their own tongue; and these would cast themselves into the fire in his presence, with a perfect contempt of danger, so much did they admire his entrancing eloquence, his strength, his agility, and especially the astonishing audacity of his plans, which were almost always realized.

To speak correctly, the savage nations venerated and adored him as the equal of the Manitou. For M. de Beaujeu seemed to them invincible, and never in need of a shelter, from never having been wounded in the slightest manner in any of his numerous encounters.

It was in reward of his bravery and of his signal services which he had rendered in Canada by his great influence over the savage nations that he had risen rapidly to the rank of captain, and that he had obtained the cross of a chevalier of St. Louis; also that the signory of La Colle, on the river Chambly, with the title of fief, had been given to him.

M. de Beaujeu was born at Montreal, August 9, 1711. He married, March 4, 1737, Mme. Michelle Elisabeth de Fouchault, whose ancient genealogy goes back to the times of the Crusades. Of this union M. de Beaujeu left a son, who returned to France at the time of the cession of Canada to England, and a daughter who was married to Charles de Noyan, governor of