

Gazette free of charge, and this is undoubtedly what Samuel Neilson referred to when he wrote that the relics were given for having "sent them the *Gazette* so long." My grandfather, even in those early days, was a most ardent and discriminating collector of Canadiana. He had already purchased many volumes, several manuscripts and some oil paintings from the Jesuit College. It was therefore quite natural that Father Cazot, as an expression of gratitude for the *Gazette* and other favours, should have added to his purchases these precious Marquette relics, knowing that they would be greatly appreciated and safely preserved by his young friend.

Pierre Jean Joseph Cazot, of the Society of Jesus, was born at Pelesieux, diocese of Laon (Marquette's birthplace) France, Oct. 4, 1728. He died at Quebec, March 16, 1800, and his remains were buried in the chancel of the Basilica,—"*Optimi viri et justi et timentis Deum eleemosynas facientis* (Tob. 99)." He was endowed with a charming personality which endeared him to all, high and low, Protestant and Catholic. At his death, as pre-settled by the capitulations of 1759, the British Government became possessed of all the Jesuit properties in Canada. Their remaining movable and personal effects were inventoried and subsequently disposed of by public auction in 1801. As neither of these relics, nor many volumes¹ inscribed as having belonged

1. —Many old volumes bearing on the title page the inscription "Collegii Kebecensis. Soc.