

Grant's place in 1784, until the home authorities should be consulted—ordering Thos. Ainslie, collector of customs, at Quebec; Geo. Pownall, clerk of the court, and other public servants, to pay over to Caldwell only, the public moneys received by virtue of their respective office. The Colonel's permanent appointment was gazetted in 1794.

On the 28th February, 1801, Col. Caldwell purchased from General James Murray, by the agency of Lt.-Col. Robert Matthews in London, not only the lordly domain of Lauzon (which included the old parishes of Point Levy, St. Charles, St. Henri, part of St. Gervais, St. Nicholas), but also the seigniories of Rivière du Loup, Madawaska, Foucault, on Lake Champlain, Sans Bruit estate with Belmont manor, near Quebec, together with the fief of St. Foy and a house in St. John Street, Quebec.

Price of sale, £10,180 sterling, payable in instalments.

When taken in connection with other real estate purchased, Col. Caldwell then ranked with the greatest land owners in the province. His speculations in land were not always satisfactory. In 1788, he had applied, but in vain, to Lord Grenville to be compensated by the Crown for the loss of 20,000 acres of land which the verification of the boundary between Canada and the United States had lopped off, the 35,000 acres which hitherto had composed his seigniority of Foucault (Caldwell manor) on Lake Champlain; he petitioned, in conjunction with others, for Crown Lands from the British Government and was informed that each petitioner ought to make a separate request; thus were rewarded his military services!

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The Hon. Henry Caldwell in the enjoyment of the perquisites of his exalted post of Receiver-General was drawn deeper and deeper into land speculations and industrial schemes. The seigniority of Lauzon soon could boast of a splendid grist mill and saw-mills at St. Nicholas, Levi, Etchemin. Roads were opened—bridges built—colonization promoted.

Belmont Manor,¹ near Quebec—his elegant home—the seat of generous hospitality, burnt in 1798, had been improved and rebuilt. Here continued to reside, courted and esteemed, the hero of the two sieges, 1759 and 1775. Col. Caldwell, according to tradition, seems to have also been favoured with a handsome person. I well remember being told by the late Hon. William Sheppard, of Woodfield, near Quebec, that *le beau militaire* was supposed to have been the hero in Mrs.

¹ *Proprietors: Intendant Talon, 1676; Gen. James Murray, 1765; Hon. Henry Caldwell, 1801; Sir John Caldwell, 1810; John W. Dunscomb, 1854.*