

safety in cases of such surprises, that the squad sent out for the succour of the beleaguered men was commanded by Charles Lemoine, and that Leonard Lucault, who formed one of the relieving company, was so sorely wounded, probably by that first volley of the Iroquois, that he died two days afterward.¹

On the death of a man intestate, or in community of property with his wife, it is necessary, according to French law, to have an inventory taken of his estate, so that his property be equitably divided among his heirs. The inventory of Lucault's estate, which was taken twelve days after his death, is unfortunately missing from among the records of Closse. But this loss is in a great measure made up by the sale, which practically goes over the same ground. This sale was undoubtedly hastened by the approaching marriage of the widow.² It may be well to note here the names of the different purchasers. Of the total amount of the sale which aggregated 634 livres 15 sols amounting to a little less than \$106 our currency.

	Livres Sols.
The widow bought in more than half	371.5
Jean Desvesnes bought the calf for	75.0
Lafleche soldat [otherwise called Sebastien Hodin] . . .	53.0
Pierre Gadoys	28.10
André Dumay	24.0
Lambert Closse bought a pistol, probably to replace one lost in a skirmish with the Iroquois	18.0
François Desvennes	18.0
Despatys [otherwise called Nicolas Forget]	17.0
Desloriers [otherwise called Robert le Cavalier]	11.0
André David (Nigret)	10.0
Jean des Roches [Desroches]	9.0
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Giving the total purchases apart from the widow as	263.10

In analyzing this sale and arranging and classifying the articles according to their use, with the aggregate amounts received from each class, as follows, a most interesting series of conclusions may be deduced regarding life in Montreal 260 years ago.

¹ Histoire et vie de M. Paul de Chomedey Sieur de Maisonneuve par P. Rousseau, Montreal, 1886, page 105.

² Barbe Poisson, widow of Leonard Lucault was married, at Villemarie, on the 19th of November, 1651, to Gabriel Celle-Duclos, after a widowhood of less than five months.