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*Gaultheria* commemorates a French-Canadian physician and amateur botanist, Dr. Jean François Gauthier (1708-1751) also known as Gaultier – who lived in Quebec. He was personal physician to the then Governor, the Marquis de la Galiffonnière when Pehr Kalm (1715-1779) visited Quebec in 1749 and the Governor deputed Dr.Gauthier to accompany the Finnish botanist on his local explorations.