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Pierre Berton
Morley Callaghan
Emily Carr
R. MacGregor Dawson
André Giroux
Anne Hébert

Margaret Laurence
Irving Layton
Stephen Leacock
Jean Le Moyne
Hugh MacLennan
Marshall McLuhan
Farley Mowat
E.J. Pratt