

heirs till 1724, was acquired by Sieur Jean Baptiste Neveu, and was purchased from his son François Neveu in 1771, by the Honorable James Cuthbert, the then Seigneur of Berthier, who bequeathed it to his third son, the late Honorable Ross Cuthbert, from whom it has descended to his several heirs and still remains in their possession.

As the poem is in the narrative form, and refers to a period which has long passed away, the author has found it more convenient and judged it more effective that the characters themselves should relate the whole story in their proper persons than if it were told in the person of the writer.

If the poem of Lanoraie should induce other writers, more gifted and youthful, to enter this rich field of Canadian romance, one purpose of its publication will at least have been served.

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