

Champlain and Galliene, in their
 voyages in old Ontario and by the
~~Ottawa to Superior~~ Huron; made
 the long journey possible. — But
 it is to such remarkable men as
 the illustrious LeVerendrye, the
 discoverer of the great North West,
 and the vast river of the Prairies;
 and that wonderful character Radisson,
 who was the real founder of the
 Northern fur trade; that we owe
 the original opening up of our great
 North West. — It was to such men
 and their followers: ~~and~~ the *coureurs*
de bois or (runners of the woods) —

that we must look to find the
 intrepid forerunners of our Western
 Canadian civilization. With untiring
 hardy, adventurous and daring
 spirits to blaze the way; how
 could our later colonists have
 followed. —

Yes, it was from, and
 by way of, the great fur forests
 by the St Lawrence, that the
 pioneer founders of Western Canada
 went forth to establish our
 destiny as a people.

It is due much to our
 great ~~British~~ British genius for