

What Western Canada Owes to Quebec.

It was from Quebec and the valley of the St Lawrence that all the early discoverers went forth to open up the great West. and north west. — While without doubt the Scottish peoples were the great army of practical pioneers who through the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company laid the foundation of settlement in the Canadian West. Yet it was the French Canadian who went in advance and prepared

the way — There was a spirit of heroism in these early French Explorers who sailed up the St Lawrence and passed on into an unknown sea, which raised them above the rank of the ordinary adventurers, and it is to these great spirits who dared so much that Canada owes the first discovery of the great lakes, and the further prairies of the middle and further West.

La Salle — the discoverer of the ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi, was one of the greatest of those who led the way — to the more southern middle west — Marquette and