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## PIERRE GAUTIER DE LA VERENDRYE

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tageous to Canada, and after all we were doomed to see a stranger gather the fruit we had taken such pains to plant." With his fortune dissipated, his labors wasted, and his services to his country unrecognized, Pierre met a fate worse than assassination by the savages—a life of poverty and neglect. His brother, Chevalier, who is entitled to be enrolled among the greatest discoverers of his age, felt so keenly the ingratitude of the Governor and Intendant that he truly expressed his feelings when he wrote: "My brother whom the Sioux murdered some years ago was not the most unfortunate among us." He perished at sea off the coast of Cape Breton in 1761.

La Vérendrye and his three sons are representatives of a class of martyrs who too frequently are passed over when reckoning up the men whose lives have been sacrificed for the general good. Poor, neglected and almost forgotten, discredited and robbed by those in authority, this noble family, by their unselfish and untiring devotion to the cause of discovery and expansion, entitled themselves to no inferior place among the honored pioneers whose trials and sufferings were endured as well for us as for the generation in which they lived.