

all, by his religious training." Still he was a serious scholar and he abhorred the excesses of his amateur predecessors, partisanship, the repetition of unexamined myths and factual inaccuracies.

Shortt was the other extreme—a man obsessed with the amassing of primary documents, one who believed, too devotedly, that the past when sufficiently copied, photographed and catalogued, can speak for itself.

Together, however, they gave the past a perspective and fathered the profession of historical writing in Canada. Their volumes, most often compilations of the work of specialists, are as long and soporific as a winter night in Saskatchewan. The samples below are included for readers who are determined to find things out for themselves. The other books are more likely to enrapture the modern reader.

ADAM SHORTT, *Canadian Currency and Exchange Under French Rule, 1898*, Osiris, 1974.

GEORGE M. WRONG, *The Rise and Fall of New France*, Two Volumes, 1928, (Out of print).

*The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents: a Selection*, Edited by S. R. MEALING, 1868, McClelland and Stewart, 1963.

The Jesuits' dramatic view of North America, their success and their martyrdom.

WILLIAM KILBOURN, *The Firebrand*, Clarke, Irwin, 1956. Upper Canada's flamboyant rebel and his small 1837 rebellion.

DONALD CREIGHTON, *John A. Macdonald*, Macmillan, Two Volumes, 1952 and 1955. Canada's first prime minister with details of the weather, politics, his drinking habits and more.

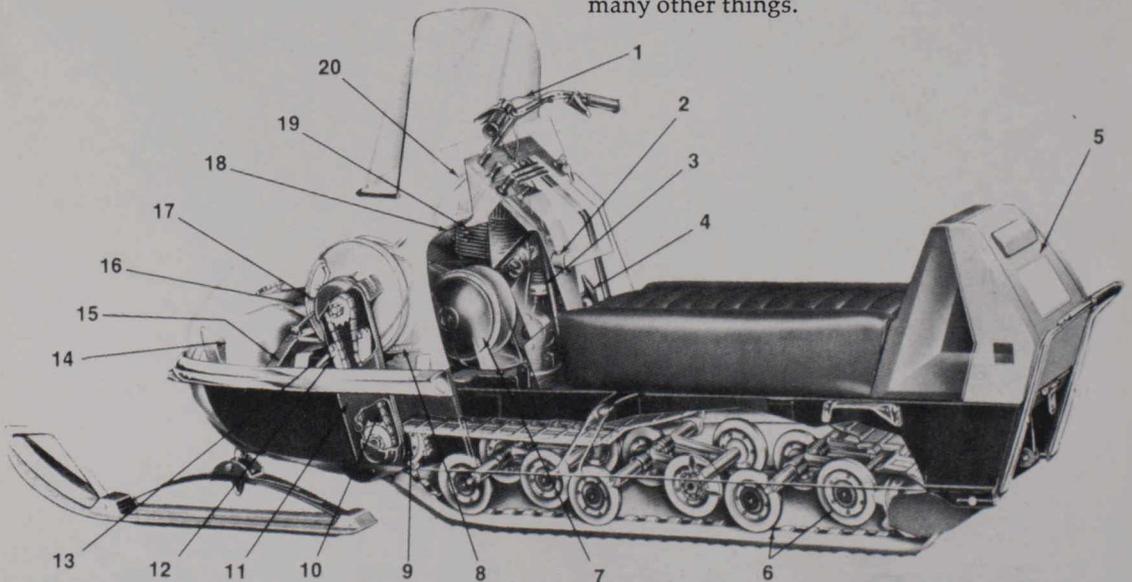
JOSEPH SCHULL, *Rebellion, 1837*, Macmillan, 1971. Louis Joseph Papineau and the Quebec side of the 1837 rebellions.

LESTER PEARSON, *Mike*, University of Toronto, Three Volumes, 1972-1975. The candid, clear, kindly and detached memoirs of Canada's best-known post-World War II statesman, Nobel Prize winner and prime minister.

PIERRE BERTON, *The National Dream, The Last Spike*, McClelland and Stewart, 1974. The building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad as a natural force, a national religion and an emotional spree.

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*The Complete Snowmobiler*, CLARKE WALLACE, Peter Martin Associates Limited, 1971. How to repair your own, how to insure it and you, and many other things.



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