

## The Story of the Hurons

**T**HE beginnings of Canadian history are interwoven in the most intimate way with the efforts of the monarchy and nobility of France and the Church of Rome to graft upon the new world a system which in the old had brought corruption, strife, warfare and suffering. They formed a brilliant attempt to grasp half a continent, saddle it with the exactions of a feudal Government and stifle it with the burden of a grasping hierarchy.

Primarily the discovery of America by Columbus, the venturesome voyages of Cartier, the energetic exploits of Champlain, the hazardous journeyings to the far West of Joliet, LaSalle and others were due to the lure of the distant East—the desire to find a short way to the Kingdom of Cathay and secure access to its fabulous wealth. Secondary only to this