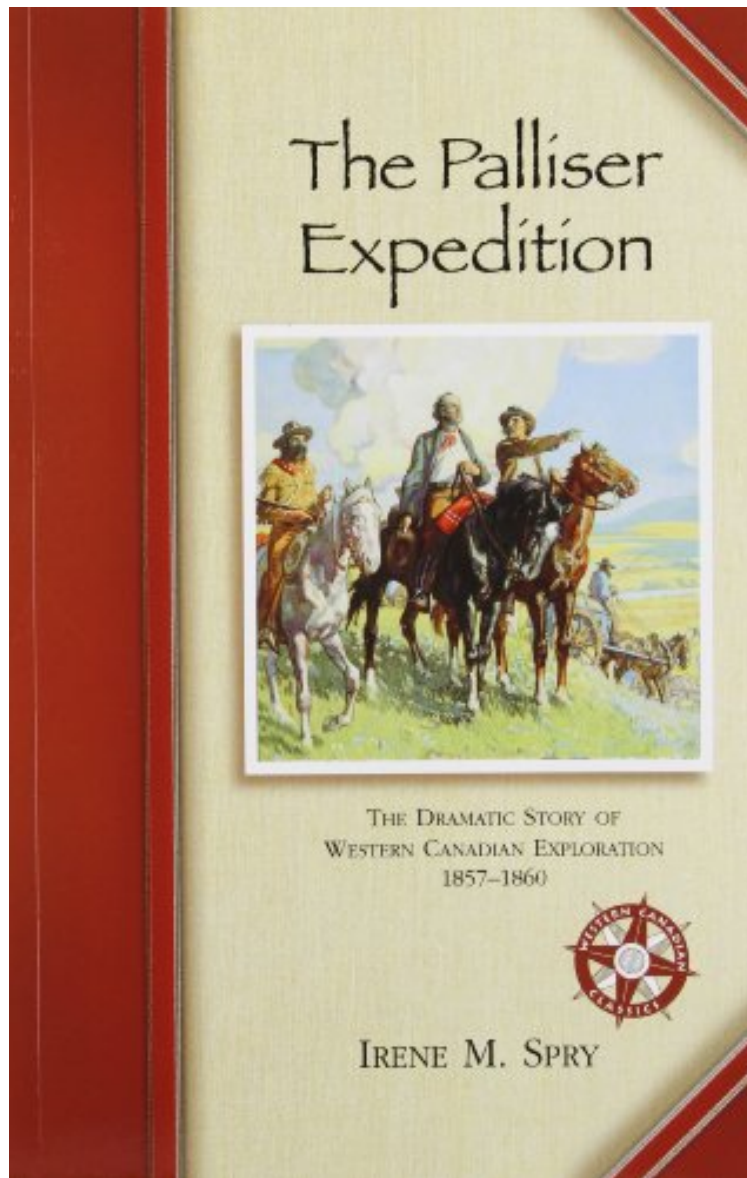


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The Palliser Expedition is one of the great works in Canadian exploration literature and the only full-scale account of

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About the Author Among the many and varied honours, Irene Mary Spry (1907-1998) received honorary doctorates from the University of Toronto (1971) and University of Ottawa (1985). The latter degree was conferred at the same time that a book in her honour entitled *Explorations in Canadian Economic History* of the University of Ottawa Press had been presented to her. The Governor General of Canada appointed her Officer of the Order of Canada in 1992 not only for her long and inspiring career as writer, teacher and scholar but also for her prominence in the Canadian and international women's movements, because of her active involvement over several decades with the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Associated Country Women of the World.