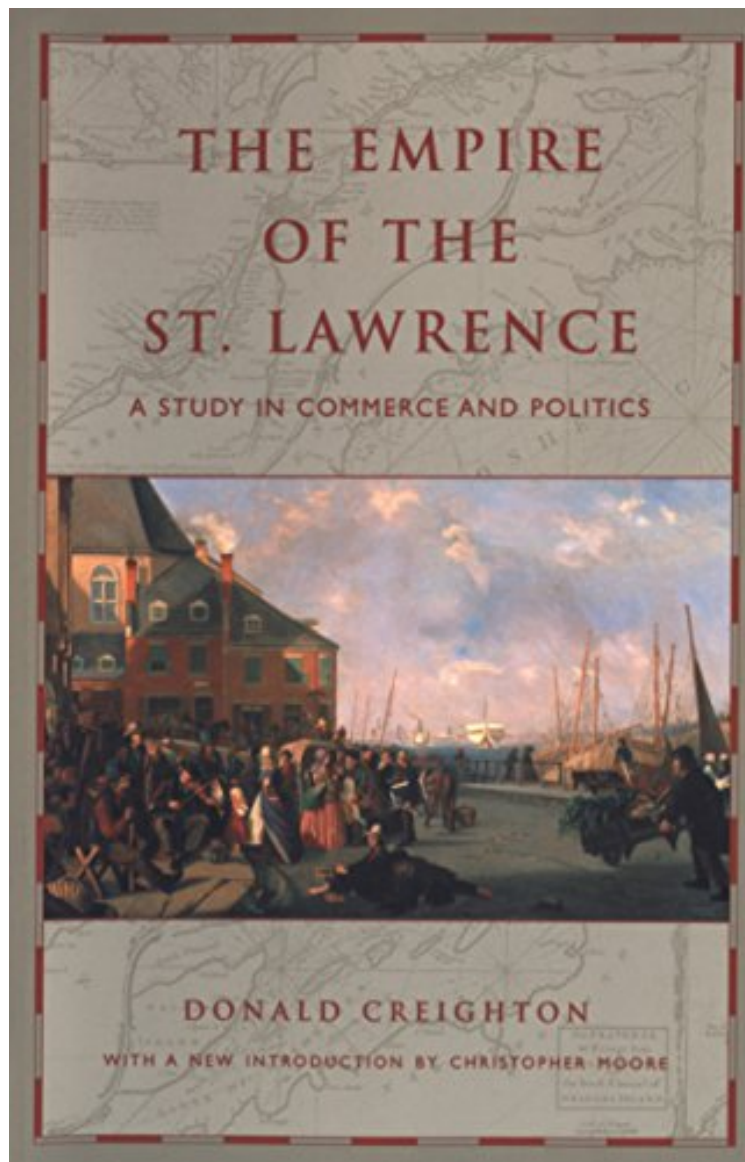


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About the AuthorThe late Donald Creighton (1902-1979) was the outstanding narrative historian of Canada in his era. A long-time professor of history at the University of Toronto, his other books include *The Empire of the St. Lawrence*, *The Road to Confederation*, and *Canada's First Century*. Christopher Moore is the author of several notable books in Canadian legal history. A two-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Awards, he writes regularly for both *Canada's History* and *Law Times*.