

EDITOR'S NOTE - N.D.L.R.

We hope you will find this the 2002 fall edition of the CHA bulletin enjoyable and informative. It is our first for us (Peter and John). It has been a quick but rewarding learning experience, and we would like to thank Joanne Mineault for her enthusiasm and assistance.

Nous avons l'intention de veiller à la continuité des rubriques qui ont par le passé établi la pertinence de ce bulletin : les conférences, les publications, les nouvelles des départements (bien sûr!), les historiens à la une, etc. Ce faisant nous comptons poursuivre l'excellent travail de notre prédécesseur Don Wright et de ses collaborateurs.

En même temps, nous visons à accroître la place de la langue de Molière au sein du *Bulletin*, cette langue qui est l'une des deux principales courroies de notre historiographie canadienne. La présence, dans les pages du *Bulletin*, des départements d'histoires qui enseignent en Français doit également être raffermie. Pour ce faire, nous solliciterons la collaboration de ces départements, de leurs professeurs et étudiants, pour des articles et d'autres notices à publier dans le *Bulletin*.

This addition of the *Bulletin* includes articles from historians very much interested and curious about the world that surrounds them, as befitting for human and social scientists. Professor Behiels worked in Japan for six months and he reports on that challenging and exhilarating experience. Jocelyn Létourneau s'est tourné du côté des citoyens de demain, les jeunes dans nos écoles qui ont assimilé un « récit mélancolique de l'histoire québécoise », une vision qu'il cherche à renverser.

Gil Troy also expresses concern for students, university ones in this case, who promise to become a casualty of a technique of grade inflation, a short term problem that could have negative long-term consequences. Finally Beverly Lemire, a historian specialized in English social and economic history, and Women's and gender history, makes the case for membership by non-Canadianists as well as Canadianists within the CHA umbrella. In so doing, she reiterates a point made long ago by the labour movement: « l'union fait la force ».

We agree totally with Professor Lemire. The world should offer a vital perspective on the interpretation of the past in this bulletin. The world as discovered by historians of Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, to name a few, and Canada.

Bonne lecture!

Peter Bischoff et John Willis

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