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The Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association will hold its fourth biennial meeting in conjunction with the Fifth Kingston Conference on the history of Canadian science and technology at the Chimo Inn, 1199 Joseph-Cyr, Ottawa, on 23-25 October 1987. The organizing committee have issued a call for papers, either regular papers of 20 minutes or 10-minute work-in-progress papers. Of particular interest for this conference are papers on the following topics:

- industrial archaeology
- public works
- aviation history
- agriculture
- industrial design and materials
- public health
- museology

All proposals—titles and short abstracts—should reach the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr R.A. Jarrell, by 1 April 1987, for consideration by the organizing committee.

A registration flyer with tentative programme will be mailed to all CSTHA/AHSTC members and former conference participants later in the spring. Those who are interested but have never attended a Kingston conference should write the Secretary-Treasurer to be included on the mailing list:

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The editors of this journal would like to welcome James Wardrop as the new book review editor, beginning with volume XI. Jim is head of the Modern History division of the British Columbia provincial Museum in Victoria and has been active recently in preserving BC industrial remains, particularly in the rapidly-changing forest industries. Norman Ball, who has been reviews editor, moves to the Editorial Advisory Board. Dr Charles Roland retires from the Advisory Board to take up the editorship of our sister publication in the history of medicine. Our thanks to both of them for their service.

The ten-year retrospective symposium, originally scheduled for this number, will appear in the next, Spring/Summer 1987. A section of this issue has been produced by computer as a test; we expect that all future numbers will be word-processed. The journal utilizes WordPerfect and, in future, those wishing to provide diskettes rather than typescripts may do so. The editors would re-format the disks for production and editing.
WOMEN AND SCIENCE

The November 1986 number of the journal Resources for Feminist Research/Documentation sur la recherche féministe, published at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, is devoted to the topic 'Women and Sciences.' Several of the short articles deal with historical topics, including Marianne Gosztonyi Ainley, 'Women Scientists in Canada: the need for documentation'; Christine Ball, 'Female Sexual Ideologies in in Mid- to Late-nineteenth Century Canada'; and Gail Ewan, 'Agnes Higgins, nutritionist, 1911-1985, and the Montreal Diet Dispensary.' Along with these are groups of articles on science policy, education, practice and feminist approaches to science and technology. RFR/DRF is a quarterly journal. Readers may contact them c/o OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1V6.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

At the Learned Societies conference at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont., the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science will meet 24 to 26 May, whilst the Canadian Society for History of Medicine's annual meeting will be held on 6 to 7 June. The Canadian Historical Association (see programme notes below) meets on 5 to 7 June.

The Nineteenth Annual Binghampton Geomorphology Symposium will be devoted to the topic 'History of Geomorphology,' a topic of much Canadian interest. The meeting will be held 23-25 September 1988. Those interested can contact the organizer, Dr K.J. Tinker, at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ont. L2S 3A1; Tel. (416) 688-5550, X3486.

A symposium devoted to 'Literature and Science as Modes of Expression' will occur on 8-11 October 1987 at the Worcester (Massachusetts) Marriott Hotel. The symposium is sponsored by the new Society for Literature and Science and by Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Major papers will be read by Stephen Jay Gould, Gillian Beer and G.S. Rousseau. Further information: Lance Schachterle, Project Center, Worcester P.I., Worcester, MA 01609, Tel. (617) 793-5514.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Most researchers have, at one time or another, made use of the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries, produced by the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information. The 1986 edition contains the holdings of over 78,000 titles in 300 Canadian libraries. In addition to the on-line and printed versions, CISTI has now published a microfiche edition for $27.00 (NRC No. 26602).

CISTI has also released the 1986 edition of Scientific and Technical Societies of Canada, listing nearly 600 organizations in Canada. The paper-bound edition is $18.00 (NRC No. 26601). Both publications may be ordered, cheques payable to Receiver-General of Canada, from Publications Section, CISTI, National Research Council, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0S2. Tel. (613) 993-3736.
The CHA, meeting at McMaster University for the Learned Societies conference, will feature the following papers that bear on the history of Canadian science, technology and medicine:

Dianne Newell (UBC), 'Food for War: Great Britain's Grip on Canada. Pacific Fishery during World War II'

Suzanne Zeller (Trent), 'The Search for Industrial Coal and the Idea of a Transcontinental Nation in Victoria Canada'

John Weaver (McMaster), 'The Architecture of an Industrial City, 1850-1930: Factories, Commercial Buildings, Apartments and Houses'

David Zimmerman (Toronto)'Research Enterprises Limited and the Canadian Industrial Dream'

Yves Gingras (UQAM), 'Les bourses d'études supérieures et le développement de la recherche scientifique au Canada'

Georges Desrochers, Benoît Gaumer and Othmar Keel (Montréal), 'L'Enseignement universitaire en santé publique et ses deux terminants'

Andrée Petitat (UQAM), 'Hiérarchie des savoirs en milieu infirmier, 1950-1980'

Yolande Cohen et Michèle Dagenais (UQAM), 'Savoir féminin et reconnaissance professionnel: le rôle des associations d'infirmières 1920-1950'

Nicole Frenette et Daniele Juteau, 'Les communautés religieuses au Québec en milieu hospitalier'

Dissertations/Theses

Dalhousie University:

J. Guildford, 'Industrial Education in Nova Scotia, 1880-1930' (MA)

Université de Montréal:

C. Dion, 'La femme et la santé de la famille au Québec, 1890-1914' (MA)

M.F. Lamaute, 'André Michaux et son exploration en Amérique du Nord, 1785-1796' (MA)

Queen's University:


C. A. Sibley, 'The Early History and Development of Gynaecology in Canada, 1880-1910' (MA)

Université de Sherbrooke:

Alain Clavet, 'Les premières tentatives de production de fer aux Forges du St-Maurice: Le bas-fourneau de François Poulin de Frencheville (1729-34)' (MA)

Wilfrid Laurier University:

C.R. Stuart, 'The Genesis of Federal Food and Drug Legislation in Canada, 1874-90' (MA)