

Rupert's Land Research Centre Newsletter

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We launch into the year 1986 with a distinct air of optimism and excitement. Although things have moved rather slowly they have moved forward and this newsletter will provide an idea of the extent of progress. 1986 will see the publication of at least two items, both of which are discussed in the report from Jennifer Brown, General Editor.

Gradually, during the latter part of 1985 and the beginning of 1986, membership application forms have gone out to all the previous members of the Hudson's Bay Record Society. The response has been steady and membership is now over the 200 mark; our goal this year is to raise that to at least 500 with an ultimate goal in excess of 1500. One thing that has been particularly encouraging has been the commitment of some of the more important libraries, for example the Bodleian and the Rhodes at Oxford University.

The most significant advances we have made recently have been in completing the Board of Directors and the Board of Editors, both of which we consider to be extremely prestigious, practical and providential. The willingness of these people to be involved is a reflection of the interest in the Fur Trade and western Canadian history.

At the present time a proposal is before the appropriate authorities of the University of Winnipeg requesting additional office space, computer and printing facilities, and secretarial services. The request has been well received and we hope to be announcing in the near future the expansion of the Centre into more spacious and permanent quarters. A most important event was the donation of \$20,000 to establish a fund from which a \$1000.00 annual Fellowship will be awarded to a student entering the last year of a three or four year undergraduate programme. The student will be doing research in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in the area of environmental geography, ecology or history, and will be required to work as an assistant at the Centre and also complete a major paper on some aspect of the environment based on data from the Archives. The award is open and applicants will be selected by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. Further details will be provided in the next Newsletter or in the form of a flyer that will be widely circulated. Note that the student will have to enrol at the University of Winnipeg for the final year of studies prior to a graduate programme. If the students wished to graduate from their original university and arrangements would have to be made for credits obtained at the University of Winnipeg to be transferred. Preliminary reading of Calendars from a wide selection of universities indicates that this would not be a problem, especially if prior approval is obtained.

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Calgary Institute for the Humanities

A conference titled "Rupert's Land: A Cultural Tapestry" was held at the University of Calgary on from January 30 to February 2. I was unable to attend the complete conference but those papers that I did hear generated a great deal of interest. I understand from the organizer, Rick Davis, that the papers will be made available in a proceedings sometime in the future. As is our usual practice we include a list of the papers and the presenters.

Richard Ruggles, Queen's University. "Beyond the 'Furious Overfall': Map Images of Rupert's Land and the Northwest."

Olive P. Dickason, University of Alberta, "Three Worlds, One Focus: Europeans, Amerindians, and Inuit Meet in the Far North."

Bishop Fred Crabb, Calgary, Former Bishop of Rupert's Land "The Church in the North."

James G. E. Smith, Museum of the American Indian, New York, "The Chipewyan and the Fur Trader in Rupert's Land."

Sylvia Van Kirk , University of Toronto, "The Nor'westers Respond to Rupert's Land: The Case of George Nelson."

Clive Holland, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, "Sir John Franklin's Perceptions on the First Arctic Land Expedition, 1819-22."

John L. Allen, University of Connecticut, " 'To Unite the Discoveries': The American Response to the Early Explorations of Rupert's Land."

Irene Spry, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa, "The Palliser Expedition."

Robert Stacey, Toronto, " 'The Icy Picture of Eternal Snow': Rupert's Land and the Far North in the Artist's Eye."

Robert Cockburn, University of New Brunswick, "Two Travellers to Nutheltin: The Northern Journals of Ernest C. Oberholtzer (1912) and Prentice G Downes (1939)."

R. Douglas Francis, University of Calgary, "The Ideal and the Real: The Image of the Canadian West in the Settlement Period."

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Edward Cavell, Peter Whyte Foundation, Banff, "Image of Transition: Photography in Rupert's Land."

TIM BALL

Director, RLRC

American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Chicago,
November, 1985

Report by Jennifer Brown

The following scholars presented papers whose subjects may interest our readers, at the Ethnohistory meetings in Chicago in November 1985. Most of the authors are affiliated with departments of history or anthropology; we regret we lack full addresses. The meetings were very successful, with over 250 in attendance for a stimulating and high-quality programme. We hope to see a number of these authors at our June Colloquium.

Angel, Michael R. (Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba) THE RAINY LAKE METHODIST MISSION; 1839-1858.

Axtell, James (Dept. of History, College of William and Mary) THE POWER OF PRINT IN THE EASTERN WOODLANDS.

Brightman, Robert A. (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison) THE MISIPISW IN CENTRAL ALGONQUIAN THOUGHT.

Cleland, Charles E. (Michigan State University) ECONOMIC STRATEGIES OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA 1800-1875.

Clifton, James A. (University of Wisconsin, Green Bay) THE UPPER CANADA REFUGE; AN ALTERNATIVE TO INDIAN REMOVAL?

Davidson, Malcolm (Dept. of History, University of Toronto) THE FORMATIVE PERIOD IN THE SUBJUGATION OF ONTARIO INDIANS TO THE GAME LAWS.

DeMallie, Raymond J. (Dept. of Anthropology, Indiana University) HISTORICAL ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX SOCIAL ORGANIZATION.

Dennis, Matthew (University of California, Berkeley) A PEACE WITH A PURPOSE? THE IROQUOIS-FRENCH PEACE OF 1653-1658: A REEXAMINATION OF THE "IMPERIAL IROQUOIS".

Desy, Pierrette (Dept. of Geography, Université du Québec à Montreal)

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EDITING JOHN TANNER'S NARRATIVE: REFLECTION AND METHOD.

Glenn, Elizabeth J. (Ball State University) NETWORKS OF WABASH VALLEY METIS, 1830s.

Haan, Richard L. (Hartwick College) EXTENDING THE CHAIN: IROQUOIS IN THE WEST.

Hamel, George R. (New York State Museum) THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE IROQUOIS DRAGON.

Harkin, Michael (University of Chicago) NORTHWEST COAST HISTORICAL NARRATIVES: AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.

Herring, Joseph B. (Texas Christian University) IMPROBABLE ETHNOLOGISTS: PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARIES AMONG THE IOWA AND SAC INDIANS.

Jacobs, Wilbur R. (University of California, Santa Barbara) TURNER, VEBLEN, AND MUIR ON INDIANS AND THE AMERICAN FRONTIER ADVANCE.

Kan, Sergei (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Michigan) "TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH...": RUSSIAN ORTHODOX EASTER AMONG THE TLINGIT.

Kugel, Rebecca (University of California, Los Angeles) TRADITIONAL POLITICS AND FACTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE QJIBWE, 1850-1868.

Long, John S. (Box 334, Moosonee, Ontario) RE-INTRODUCING CHRISTIANITY TO THE JAMES BAY CREE.

McClurkin, James M. (Michigan State University) BANDS, STATES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER: NINETEENTH CENTURY FACTORS IN OTTAWA SUBVERSION OF UNITED STATES REMOVAL POLICY, 1820-1860.

Meyer, Melissa L. (University of California, Los Angeles) COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND POLITICAL FACTIONALISM AT THE WHITE EARTH RESERVATION, 1889-1920.

Mishler, Craig (Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys) ETHNOGRAPHIC WRITINGS OF THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TRADER,

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Moore, Robert E. (University of Chicago) THE 19th CENTURY PROPHETS, "DREAMERS," AND SHAKERS OF THE COLUMBIA PLATEAU IN CURRENT RESERVATION MEMORY.

Morrison, Kenneth M. (Dept. of Religious Studies, Arizona State University) MONTAGNAIS MISSIONIZATION IN EARLY NEW FRANCE: THE SYNCRETIC IMPERATIVE.

Pollard, Juliet (Dept. of History, University of Saskatchewan) AVERSION TO INDIANS: WHITE WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN THE OREGON TERRITORY.

Rogers, J. Daniel (University of Chicago) ARIKARA CATEGORIZATION PROCESSES AND THE EARLY HISTORIC TRADE.

Salisbury, Neal (Smith College) IROQUOIS AND SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND ALGONQUIANS IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

Surtees, R. J. (Nipissing University) THE INFLUENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ON CANADIAN INDIAN POLICY.

Waddell, Jack O. (Purdue University) THE OUIA POST DURING THE FRENCH REGIME: ITS PLACE IN CANADIAN STRATEGY.

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Notes from Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba.

Editor's Note: The following information was provided by Shirlee Anne Smith, Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, a division of the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. It is hoped that this type of report will be available for future Newsletters as it provides researchers with valuable up to date information about new materials available and other activities.

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The processing of 20th century records in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives continues apace.

The French Government Records (1914-1928), consisting of 125

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metres, Section A, is now available for inspection. These records were created as a result of an agreement between the Hudson's Bay Company and the French Government Departments of Commerce and War, in which the Company was appointed purchasing agent for edibles, raw materials and manufactured goods. A merchant fleet of several hundred ships was organized and over 13 million tons of goods were transported from various countries, including Canada and the United States, to France. The project was not without its mishaps as 110 ships were lost, many of them sunk by German submarines. This unusual group of records is an example of the Company's attempt to diversify its operations and to take advantage of the French Government's request so as to improve its profits.

Following the Deed of Surrender in 1870, the Company received seven million acres of land in Western Canada, and 50,000 acres of land around certain of its trading posts. The resulting Land Department Records, R.G.1, 145 metres, which Alex Ross commented on at the 1984 Colloquium are available to researchers. A detailed inventory, with appendices, has been prepared. The records relating to farm land and town site sales will be of special interest to students of Western Canadian history. The 2,100 Land Department maps have been placed in the Archives' map collection, and constitute a valuable supplement to this group of records.

The Papers of Joseph Wordsworth Hardisty, consisting of approximately 100 letters of private correspondence 1846-70, and personal accounts 1851-1867, is an important recent acquisition now available for study. Joseph Hardisty served the Company at Fort Vancouver, Honolulu, Victoria, Fort William and Mingan. He was well connected with the various officers in the service. The contents of some of the letters provide heretofore unknown facts about Richard Hardisty, Sr., Richard Hardisty, Jr., and Isabel Hardisty Grant, wife of Donald A. Smith.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the North West Rebellion a finding aid was prepared of the records relating to the 1885 conflict and the Red River Resistance of 1869-70. This detailed listing includes both manuscript and printed sources in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives.

Since April 1985 an inter-repository loan of over 2,000 microfilm reels of Hudson's Bay Company Archives have been available to researchers living outside Winnipeg. Additional information on this service, including a list of the repositories holding the Finding Aid, is available from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1T5. Telephone No. (204) 945-4949.

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RUPERT'S LAND RESEARCH CENTRE EDITORIAL BOARD

We are pleased to announce that the following scholars have agreed with pleasure to serve on the Editorial Board of the Rupert's Land Research Centre.

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We are delighted to have the advice and support of so distinguished a Board. Through their assistance in proposing, selecting, refereeing, and editing manuscripts for publication, the Centre expects to present publications of the highest quality.

In response to needs expressed by Board members and others, we envisage, for the present, two series of publications. One is a monograph series, to edit and print important medium-length studies that are too long for most journals, yet not particularly viable as full-length, commercially printed books. Exceptionally pioneering Master's theses, specialized studies of particular areas or topics pertaining to Rupert's Land, and other similar works will be

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the coalition period, before and after the merger of companies, as seen by a clerk in the field. Much of the text was previously unusable because it was written in code which Van Kirk has succeeded in deciphering and transcribing. The journals are on word processor, and a great deal of background research has already been accomplished. We hope to receive and referee at least a good portion of this text within a few months. Expected length: 125 pages.

2. Shepard Krech III has informally proposed publishing certain Great Slave Lake/Fort Resolution journals for the period 1819-1823, and has a strong case for their importance. Harry Duckworth Jr., is preparing to submit an edited text of what may be the earliest surviving North West Company journal.

Richard Ruggles and others have also made preliminary proposals, and we hope that our resources will allow us to build up this most important scholarly enterprise. We expect to begin by using some of the facilities of the Institute for Urban Studies and have had discussions with Alan Artibise to that end. Our subscribing members will receive the publications as they appear; others may purchase them as individually priced items.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The first two publications of the Rupert's Land Research Centre are in final stages of preparation, and we hope to have one or both ready for distribution to members at the Colloquium on the 6th and 7th of June.

The two publications are Victor Lytwyn's study of the Hudson's Bay and Canadian fur trade in the area east of Lake Winnipeg before 1821 and Shepard Krech III's bibliography of recent writings in Canadian native history. Both of these items will be offered free to RLRC members who have paid a year's membership by June 1, 1986.

We are still determining appropriate production runs for these publications on the basis of our supporters' responses. To assure receiving these volumes, please remit your membership dues as soon as possible, if you have not done so already, so that we may better estimate appropriate production runs for these items.

GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS

The General Editor is presently drafting guidelines and a style sheet for prospective contributors to the Publication Series. The following points may serve as a guide for now:

1. Manuscripts should deal with some historical facet of human activity in and around the area of Rupert's Land, and should reflect original research and synthesis of materials

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1986 Colloquium Reminder 6th and 7th June

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE MAKING YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE SECOND COLLOQUIUM WHICH PROMISES TO BE FIRST CLASS EVENT. IT IS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 'LEARNEDS BUT WE HAVE PLANNED SO THAT WE SLIP NEATLY BETWEEN THOSE PROFESSIONAL GROUPS FROM WHICH WE ATTRACT MOST OF OUR MEMBERS. WE ARE AFTER THE ANTHROPOLOGISTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARCHIVISTS AND PRECEDING THE HISTORIANS.

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