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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By now, our 1989 members will have received their copy of our latest publication, Sydney A. Keighley's autobiography, Trader, Tripper, Trapper: The Life of a Bay Man. I am particularly proud of this publication because of the part played by Keighley's co-authors, Renée Jones and David Riddle, who have been loyal supporters of the Rupert's Land Research Centre. Renée Jones, in particular, has worked diligently in the office and in any other location where her talents could be helpful to furthering the goals of the Centre. I hope that you enjoy the book. Mr Keighley must receive special thanks for donating his royalties to the Centre. His gift will be used to encourage further research into Rupert's Land and fur trade studies, and to help publish the results of such studies.

Plans for the 1990 Colloquium are progressing well. All hotel accommodation has been booked in Stromness and everything augurs well for an exciting and interesting event. More details are provided on the insert accompanying this newsletter. If one is not present, please write to us for information.

Work continues in Winnipeg on the development of the Forks site at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in the heart of the city. A major part of the initial project has been to carry out archaeological and site information studies. The work has been diligently and quickly carried out under the guidance of Sid Kroeker, site archaeologist. He has produced two very detailed reports, both of which are available from:

The Forks Renewal Corporation
404 Century Plaza
#1 Wesley at Main
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

A great deal of information was obtained from cross-sections created by excavations for sewers and roadbeds. Major archaeological digs were carried out by students of the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Dr Greg Monk. Many artifacts of the fur trade era were recovered from locations around the sites of Fort Gibraltar I and II. More archaeological work is planned for this and subsequent summers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Daschuk for his valuable efforts for the Centre during the last year. Jim was the recipient of the C.R. Harington Fellowship while registered as a student in the University of Winnipeg/University of Manitoba Joint Master's Programme in history. The Fellowship requires that the recipient assist the Centre, and also produce a paper on some aspect of human history and the environment based on documents in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives. I am pleased to announce that Peter Geller, also a historian in the Joint Master's Programme, will be our 1989-90 Fellow.

The Centre continues to survive with the help of your membership, private donations and the sale of publications. The royalties from Mr Keighley's book will be very helpful in furthering our objectives. I take the opportunity to remind you that we have several exciting publications forthcoming. We also have a list of well-qualified researchers willing to carry out research in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives on a contract basis. This is particularly valuable for small projects that do not justify the air fare and associated costs of a special trip to Winnipeg.

I wish you well and thank you for your support of our efforts.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Centre's 1989 Members' Selection, Trader, Tripper, Trapper: the Life of a Bay Man by Sydney A. Keighley, Renée Jones and David Riddle was released on May 14, 1989 and has been sent to all current members. Trade editions, both cloth and paperback, are available in book stores.

Both Trader, Tripper, Trapper, co-published with Watson & Dwyer of Winnipeg, and The English River Book, ed. Harry Duckworth, co-published with McGill-Queen's, have been delayed due to problems experienced by the trade publishers. Release dates announced by Rupert's Land Research Centre have repeatedly proved to be too optimistic. The process of publishing Trader, Tripper, Trapper has recently come to a successful conclusion, and The English River Book is now expected to be ready in December of 1989 or at the New Year. We are, therefore, thinking of it as our 1990 Selection.

These delays make it necessary for us to outline a more realistic publications policy. Each newly released volume will become a Members' Selection to be sent to all paid up members at the time of its release. Members joining the Centre in subsequent years will be offered previous Selections at special members' rates as long as supplies last.

The Centre remains committed to issuing a publication every year or 18 months. Membership in a given year may bring you a Rupert's Land Record Society documentary volume (as in 1990) or a monograph published by the Centre itself (continuing in the tradition of Lytwyn and Mancke) or both, as budgets and publication schedules allow.

We continue to solicit your suggestions and proposals for future volumes. Guidelines for manuscript submissions are available from the Centre, and will be published in the next newsletter.

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CANADA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Initiated in 1986 in response to the federal government's Matching Funds Policy, the Canada Research Fellowships (CRF) Program at SSHRC is intended to promote excellence in research, to improve career opportunities for promising researchers in the humanities and social sciences, and to ensure an adequate supply of highly qualified personnel for faculty and research appointments in Canada over the next decade There have been three competitions to date, starting in 1986; the fourth and final competition will occur in 1989. (From the Canadian Federation for the Humanities Bulletin, Spring 1989, p. 5)

The Rupert's Land Research Centre encourages inquiries from postdoctoral Canadian scholars not presently holding tenured or tenure-track university positions, who would be interested in applying for a CRF and in being affiliated jointly with the Centre and with either the Department of History or Geography of the University of Winnipeg.

Inquiries, along with a CV and preliminary statement of a project and research interests, should be directed to Dr Herb Mays, Director of Research Administration, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2E9, with a copy to Professor Jennifer Brown, Department of History (if in history) or Professor Tim Ball, Department of Geography (if in geography).

These fellowships may be held for three years. Holders are expected to teach one course, while conducting research and writing. Inquiries should be sent to us before the end of July, 1989, so that formal application forms may be sent to candidates as promptly as possible. For further administrative information on the CRFs, contact Dr Herb Mays at (204) 786-9797, in the Office of the Vice-President Academic, University of Winnipeg.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

National Symposium on Aboriginal Women of Canada: Past, Present and Future, University of Lethbridge, October 19-21, 1989. For information or to be placed on the mailing list, write to: Professor Christine Miller, Native American Studies, University of Lethbridge, 4401 University Drive, Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 3M4, (403) 329-2635.

Twenty-first Algonquian Conference, Memorial University of Newfoundland, October 27-29, 1989. The Algonquian Conference invites papers in both English and French on any scholarly topic related to the Algonquian peoples. The Conference traditionally deals with art, archaeology, ethnology, history, linguistics, literature, religions, etc., and contributors are encouraged to make their findings comprehensible to scholars in other disciplines. Those who wish to give papers are asked to provide the title of their paper and an abstract of not more than 100 words to enable the organizers to place the paper in an appropriate section. Titles of papers, accompanied by their abstracts, should be received by September 8. All pre-registrations and abstracts, as well as other queries, should be mailed to Algonquian Conference, Department of Linguistics, St. John's, NF, Canada A1B 3X9 (709) 737-8134.

1989 Meetings of the American Society for Ethnohistory will be held at Day's Inn, Lake Shore Drive at Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, November 2-5, 1989. Co-chairs: Frederick E. Hoxie, Jay Miller, D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60610. (312) 943-9090.

Fourteenth Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium of the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 4-6, 1990. The Center will hold its 14th annual interdisciplinary symposium on the topic "Impacts of Climate Change on the Great Plains" and invites scholars to submit proposals for papers in the following categories: projections of an uncertain climatic future; documentation of the present climate; and assessments of the past climate. Interested scholars should submit proposals of 150-200 words by July 1, 1989 and should include a brief resume to: Professor Ken Dewey, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314.

CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

The Sam Waller Little Northern Museum, The Pas, Manitoba, is planning to organize activities and perhaps historical conferences to mark the occasions of the tricentennial of Henry Kelsey's first journey through the Manitoba area and the 150th anniversary of Henry Budd's establishment of an Anglican mission

at The Pas, both of which occur in 1990. Paul Thistle, Curator of the Museum, invites scholars and graduate students who have done recent work on these subjects to participate in the proposed activities. Interested persons should contact Paul Thistle at the Museum, Box 185, The Pas, Manitoba, Canada R9A 1K4 (204) 623-3802.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF METIS LANGUAGES

Peter Bakker has compiled a list of works about Métis languages, including Michif, Métis French, Métis Cree and Bungi, which is now available directly from him.

Peter Bakker, Institute for General Linguistics, University of Amsterdam, Spuistraat 210, 1012 VT Amsterdam, The Netherlands

MARGARET MCWILLIAMS PRIZE

The Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Prize for the Best Thesis in 1988 was awarded to RLRC member Laura L. Peers who received her Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Winnipeg. Her thesis was entitled An Ethnohistory of the Western Ojibwa, 1730-1830.

She was also the co-editor, with Jennifer S.H. Brown, of a revised and expanded edition of Harold Hickerson's The Chippewa and their Neighbors: A study in Ethnohistory, published in 1988 by Waveland Press, Inc., Prospect Heights, Illinois.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Michael Payne's detailed study of York Factory, The Most Respectable Place in the Territory: Everyday Life in HBC Service, York Factory, 1788 to 1879, has just appeared (paper, 206 pp, 1989); it is an important contribution to fur trade literature. This book and listings of other Parks Canada publications in archaeology, architecture, and history, are available from Research Publications, Canadian Parks Service, Environment Canada, 1600 Liverpool Court, Ottawa I1A 0H3.

Please also notice the enclosed brochure for Rupert's Land: A Cultural Tapestry, ed. by Richard C. Davis (Wilfred Laurier University Press). Several of our members contributed to or attended the 1986 conference from which these revised papers are published.

OLD PUBLICATIONS

The Centre has recently acquired a limited number of copies of The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay during Two Hundred and Fifty Years, 1670-1920 by Sir William Schooling, published in 1920 for the 250th anniversary of the Company. The 130-page volume includes more than sixty drawings and photographs and a fold-out map of "The Dominion of Canada shewing the Establishments of the Hudson's Bay Company." Copies are being offered to Rupert's Land Research Centre members at \$30.00 each while supplies last. Please add \$2.00 for postage and handling. RLRC order forms are in this newsletter issue.

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The Institute of Arctic Ecophysiology, Churchill, Manitoba, is a community based research and education institute. All research efforts include the development and application of practical skills, such as small motor mechanics and carpentry. Applicants should be prepared for long hours and hard work, and must have a real commitment to long-term conservation of our Arctic wildlife. Last year, the IAEP had students from the University of Alberta, the University of Manitoba, and Trent University. They also have contacts at Laurentian, Lakehead University, the University of Montana, the University of Oslo and the University of Guelph.

Summer program (May 15-September 3, 1989)

Research efforts in the summer include studies on arctic and red fox, the polar bear, the beluga whale, birds and small mammals. Volunteers are provided with subsidized housing and assist summer staff in conducting research and practical projects. Applicants will be selected based upon current needs and length of volunteer time.

Winter program (September 3-May 1, 1989)

Current research efforts in the winter include studies on ravens and caribou. The program is generally open to individuals who wish to experience all or half of the winter in the north. Volunteers will assist staff with research projects. Areas of responsibility will include care and upkeep of institute facilities and equipment.

Please forward applications to Ms Barb Draper, Head Biologist, Institute of Arctic Ecophysiology, Churchill, Manitoba, R0B 0E0. Those individuals who demonstrate high research potential will be considered for graduate studies.

A WATSON & DWYER BOOKLIST

A number of books of interest to Rupert's Land Research Centre members are currently available from Watson & Dwyer Publishing, 232 Academy Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3M 0E7. Watson & Dwyer's special interests are fur trade history, the Arctic, Inuit and Indian people and their art and social history.

TRADER, TRIPPER, TRAPPER : The Life of a Bay Man

by Sydney A. Keighley with Renée Jones and David Riddle. Syd Keighley's memoirs cover his years of rigorous travel and trading for the Hudson's Bay Company from 1917 to 1938, and his life as an independent trader until 1963. His story of trading and travelling in northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan reveals his rich knowledge of the subarctic and its people -- the Cree, Chipewyan and Metis as well as white traders, trappers, and prospectors. May 1989. 220 pages, 87 b/w photos, 6 maps, index. ISBN 0-920486-36-3 cloth \$27.50; 0-920486- paper \$14.95 Special limited cloth edition included in 1989 R.L.R.C. membership.

COPLALOOK : Chief Trader, Hudson's Bay Company, 1923-1939

by A. Dudley Copland. The Inuit of Southampton Island called him Coplalook - Big Copland. He was a Scot from Peterhead who spoke their language, travelled with them over thousands of miles of snow and sea-ice, shared their sorrows and times of celebration. A compelling story by one of Canada's arctic pioneers. Second printing, April 1989. 244 pages, 60 illustration, 4 maps, index. ISBN 0-920486-18-5 paper \$9.95; 0-920486-12-6 cloth \$24.95

MANY TENDER TIES : Women in Fur-Trade Society, 1670-1870

by Sylvia M. Van Kirk

Many tender ties of family bound generations of Indian and mixed-blood women to the fur-traders of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The arrival of white women in the 1820s and 1830s profoundly altered these family relationships.

4th edition January 1989. 301 pages, 58 illustrations, 1 map, bibliography, index.

ISBN 0-920486-08-8 1st ed. \$19.50. 0-920486-06-1 paper \$12.00.

ANTHOLOGY OF INUIT ART

Compiled and with an introduction by Alma Houston.

From the first magical ivory weapons and amulets to the world-famous Dorset and Baker Lake prints, Inuit Art is discussed by leading authorities on the subject. The anthology includes articles selected from manuscripts published over the past fifteen years in The Beaver magazine, and three previously unpublished, in-depth interviews with prominent artists giving Inuit viewpoints, seldom expressed in print.

Published September 1988. 130 pages, over 100 colour and b/w photos, index.

ISBN 0-920486-21-5 paper 22.50; 0-920486-22-3 cloth 34.50

THE APPRENTICE'S TALE by Hugh Mackay Ross

Hugh Ross joined the Hudson's Bay Company at the age of eighteen and served among the Ojibway of Northern Ontario. From trading furs in the wilderness areas north of Lake of the Woods, he was transferred to the sophisticated tourist areas of Minaki and Lake Temagami. His descriptions of trade goods and practices are a rare source of information for students of the fur trade and native life, and will evoke memories for countless vacationers and cottage owners.

Published October 1986. 45 b/w photos, 2 maps, index.

ISBN 0-920486-16-9 paper 12.50; 0-920486-14-2 cloth 24.95.

THE HOME CHILDREN : Their Personal Stories

by Phyllis Harrison

Some of the survivors of the 100,000 British children who came to Canada to be indentured for farmers between 1869 and 1939 tell of their experiences in a vast new country.

3rd edition January 1985. 272 pages, 40 illustrations, index.

ISBN 0-920486-04-5 paper \$12.00.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS

THE MANAGER'S TALE by Hugh Mackay Ross

A rare look at the fur trade in the northern provinces fifty years ago when the District Manager arrived by bush plane to deal with the calamities of fire, illness, and human foibles, the grading of furs and collection of debt.

Forthcoming July 1989. 240 pages, 37 b/w illustrations, maps, index.

ISBN 0-920486-34 cloth \$27.00; 0-920486-40-1 paper \$14.95

ACROSS THE KEEWATIN ICEFIELDS : Three Years Among the Canadian Eskimos, 1913-1916 Translated by Leslie Neatby; Edited and with an introduction by Shirlee Anne Smith.

Christian Leden, the Norwegian ethnographer, wrote of the Keewatin Inuit vividly, giving a feeling of immediacy to his accounts of travel and hunting as a way of life.

Forthcoming October 1989. 256 pages, map.

ISBN 0-920486-19-3 cloth \$35.00.

RUPERT'S LAND RESEARCH CENTRE BOOK ORDER FORM

----- Schooling, William The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay during Two Hundred and Fifty Years, 1670-1920. \$30.00.

Hudson's Bay Record Society Volumes, \$40.00 each

_____ Vol 28 Ogden's Snake Country Journals, 1827-29

_____ Vol 29 Simpson's Letters to London, 1841-42

_____ Vol 30 Hudson's Bay Miscellany, 1670-1870

_____ Vol 31 Letters of Charles John Brydges, 1879-82

_____ Vol 32 Fort Victoria Letters, 1846-51

_____ Vol 33 Letters of Charles John Brydges, 1883-89

Rupert's Land Research Centre Volumes
Available from Rupert's Land Research Centre

_____ Lytwyn, V. The Fur Trade of the Little North: Indians, Pedlars, and Englishmen East of Lake Winnipeg, 1760-1821. \$24.00

_____ Mancke, E. A Company of Businessmen: The Hudson's Bay Company and Long-distance Trade, 1670-1730. \$30.00

Keighley, Sydney A. Trader, Tripper, Trapper: The Life of a Bay Man. 1989 Members' Selection.

_____ Plus Postage and Handling, \$2.00 per book.

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Affiliation _____

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**RUPERT'S LAND RESEARCH CENTRE
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The following papers, read at the Rupert's Land Research Centre Colloquium in Churchill, Manitoba, June, 1988, are available in photocopy form at a cost of \$2.00 each, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling of each envelope holding up to four papers.

- Ball, Timothy Severe Weather Conditions 1810-1820 and their Impact
on the Environment and People of the Central Subarctic _____
- Balyea, Barbara Captain Franklin in Search of the Picturesque _____
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and Monuments Board _____
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- Harper-Fender, Ann Applied Location Theory: the Situation of HBC
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- Helm, June Matonabbee's Map _____
- Long, John Norwegians and 'Halfbreeds' at Moose Factory, 1858-59:
A Tribute to Two Old Friends _____
- McCarthy, Martha Magnetism of a Mission: St. Peter's, Reindeer Lake,
and the Churchill Chipewyan, 1846-1907 _____
- McNab, David The Profundity of Despair: The Economic Dislocation of the
Brunswick House Indian Band _____
- Moosberger, Michael HBC Post Journals 1715-1940: New Light on their
Research Potentials _____
- Peers, Laura 'A Woman's Work is Never Done': Harold Hickerson,
Male Bias, and the Writing of Ethnohistory _____
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- Swagerty, William American Fur Company Perceptions of the Hudson's Bay
Company, 1825-1867 _____
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