

Finally a truly multimedia history CD-ROM!

Canada Confederation to Present

Released last August, this Chinook Multimedia collaboration with the University of Alberta provides a (so far) unparalleled use of the limitless possibilities of computer generated design. Hundreds of articles authored by some 150 historians, pictures, cartoons, films, Quicktime VR panoramic pictures, and original documents are easily accessible through cascading menus, organized in five major themes. The content is pleasantly inclusive and endeavours to reflect many interpretations of key events/junctures in Canadian history. Unlike previous historical-content CD-ROMs released in this country in recent years, *Canada Confederation to Present* is truly multimedia product and avoids the strict linearity of otherwise

good products such as *L'Acadie CD-ROM* (Portage Technologies) or even the *DCB/DBC* (University of Toronto/Université Laval). Though probably a little expensive for undergraduate students to purchase as a textbook (\$80), this CD-ROM provides instructors with ready-made thematic presentations for the university classroom and enables the creation of custom slideshows. Additional web-based content, including course-packs, is also available in two differently-priced web packages. A French-translation is due out sometime this year. www.chinookmultimedia.com

