

## RESEARCH AIDS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS/OUTILS DE TRAVAIL : NOUVEAUTÉS

The **British Columbia Archives Action Group** was formed at the B.C. Studies Conference in 1997 as a lobby group both for the Archives with regard to the provincial government and for archives users vis-à-vis the Archives itself. Interested parties can e-mail John Lutz (@uvic.ca) to get on the group's mailing list. It is preparing a submission to the B.C. Legislative Committee reviewing the Freedom of Information Act.

The **Canadian Families Project** team has now completed its national sample of the 1901 census of Canada (Schedules 1 and 2) and will be presenting results at various conferences in the coming year. This database will be released as a public use sample in three years' time. The team at University of Victoria now includes Lisa Dillon as a post-doctoral fellow. The team (P. Baskerville, B. Bradbury, G. Darroch, L. Dillon, D. Gauvreau, C. Gaffield, A. Golz, P. Gossage, L. McCann, I. MacPherson, L. Marks, E. Sager) will hold a workshop in Victoria in May.

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Conceived as a multi-phase project, the **Hugh MacLennan Online project** will eventually provide access to MacLennan's voluminous correspondence and unpublished and published manuscripts. The first phase of the project provides access electronically via the World Wide Web to McGill's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections' finding aid and also a name index to the author's correspondence. The next phase of the project will involve the scanning of original letters and manuscripts and the creation of a searchable full-text database. See <http://imago.library.mcgill.ca/macLennan/index/htm>.

**Victoria:** The B.C. Archives web site had more than 2.4 million items accessed by people from 92 countries during 1997, Dan Miller, Minister for Information, Science and Technology (British Columbia) said recently. This is double the number of items accessed in 1996. British Columbia Archives is the central archives service for the government of British Columbia and provides research access to records of enduring value for the provincial government and public clientele. One of its searchable databases consists of information about B.C. marriage registrations for the years 1872 to 1976. The Archives also continues to build its visual records database and more than 12,400 high-resolution scans of historical photographs were added in 1997. A searchable database provides direct links to the on-line images so that clients can view and print the image. The B.C. Archives web site is located on the electronic highway at <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>. For more information on B.C.'s Electronic Highway, visit the home-page at <http://www.ista.gov.bc.ca>.

## HISTORIANS IN THE NEWS/LES HISTORIENS À LA UNE

**John Bovey**, British Columbia Provincial Archivist, is taking pre-retirement leave, and will be officially retiring as of February 28, 1999. The future of the position left open is still unclear. The B.C. Archives have hired two new archivists to work at the two B.C. Archives sites in Victoria. So far, unfortunately, they are the only replacements for five recent retirements. Continuing support for the archives and pressure on the government is essential.

**Colin Coates** is the new Director of the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Lauréat du prix d'excellence en enseignement de l'Université Laurentienne (1996-1997), **Guy Gaudreau** se révèle être un enseignant exceptionnel, dont l'enthousiasme et la passion pour son champ de recherche est source d'inspiration à la fois pour ses étudiants et pour l'ensemble du corps professoral. Grâce à ses efforts et à son dévouement, le département d'histoire a connu une expansion de la section francophone en raison de l'intérêt croissant qu'on porte aux recherches sur l'histoire régionale et en raison de la réputation enviable du professeur Gaudreau.

**Naomi Griffiths** is the Standard Life Visiting Fellow in Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh. She delivered the 1998 Standard Life Annual Lecture on the topic of "The Formation of a Community and the Interpretation of Identity: The Acadians, 1604-1997".

**Ged Martin** has been appointed to the first professorial chair in Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom. He will deliver his inaugural lecture in April on the topic of "Canadian History: A Play in Two Acts".

**André Ségal**, médiéviste et spécialiste de la diffusion de l'histoire, professeur de l'Université Laval tout récemment retraité, a reçu deux prix d'excellence pour son enseignement. Il est le premier professeur de Laval à mériter l'important prix canadien 3M, attribué par 3M Canada et la Société pour l'avancement de la pédagogie dans l'enseignement supérieur. Il a également obtenu le Prix d'excellence en enseignement de l'Université Laval.

**Cheryl Warsh** is the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*.