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The Canadian Academic Centre in Italy, and the Canadian Mediterranean Institute in Ottawa, are in an advanced phase of preparing a database of research links between Canada and Italy since 1980. Included are "projects involving the direct collaboration between researchers, along with visiting professors, post-doctoral fellowships, joint seminars, as well as studies of an aspect of the 'other' country that do not necessarily entail collaboration between researchers". If you have carried out research which involves Italy or Italian resources, please respond to a simple two-page questionnaire which can be obtained from either the Canadian Mediterranean Institute (CMI), 113 Osgoode Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6S1, Telefax (613) 238-6115 or the Canadian Academic Centre in Italy (CACI), Piazza Cardelli 4, 00186 Rome, Italy, Telefax (011 396) 687-3693. To speed communications, you may send a message by electronic mail (BITNET/NETNORTH) to the CMI (CMIXF @ UOTTAWA) or the CACI (CACI @ IRMUNISA).

The Future of the Past in British Columbia: History and the Year 2000, A Curriculum Conference, March, 1991. British Columbia is currently embarked upon a major school restructuring project, mandated by the Ministry of Education, including a plan for a curriculum integrated into four "strands". An integrated "humanities" strand is to include English, Social Studies (including history), French as a second language, and health guidance material. A small, invitational conference *The Future of the Past in British Columbia: History and the Year 2000*, co-hosted by UBC's Department of Social and Educational Studies and the professional association of B.C. social studies teachers met to discuss the future of history as a discipline within the school system. Participants included social studies and history teachers, and officials from the Ministry of Education. The keynote address was given by historian Kenneth T. Jackson, Columbia University, author of *Crabgrass Frontier: the Suburbanization of the United States*, a central figure in the debate over the place and substance of history in the school curriculum, as chair of the Bradley Commission on History in the Schools.

A conference review is available from Peter Seixas, Department of Social and Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, UBC, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 1Z5.

Publishers' Papers Project. Under the direction of Ann Cowan (Continuing Studies) and Carole Gerson (English), the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing at Simon Fraser University has received a grant from the Canadian Studies Research Tools Program of the SSHRCC to locate and describe unpublished material relating to the history of English-language book publishing in Canada. The project includes a systematic survey of institutions and publishers; as well, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows about relevant items in obscure locations (especially outside of Canada) or in private hands. We welcome information about the papers and correspondence of authors, editors, publishers, and illustrators as well as the business records of publishing firms. As our findings will be disseminated in published research guides, we also invite responses from potential users of these guides regarding the format and indexing system that would best suit their research needs. Please contact: Laura Coles, Supervisor, Publishers' Papers Project, Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 5K3. Tel. (604) 291-5098.

The National Archives has established a *Researcher's Forum*. The purpose of the *Forum* is to facilitate communication and consultation between the management of the Archives and its major user groups. It is intended to be a means by which the National Archives can convey information relating to public service at the Archives to the researching public and by which matters of concern to National Archives users can be brought to the attention of the National Archivist. The *Researcher's Forum* held an initial meeting in April and is expected to next meet in the Autumn. Members of the CHA who have concerns or queries of any kind which they would like to have brought before the *Researcher's Forum* should contact the CHA representative to the Forum, Professor J.K. Johnson, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6. Fax. (613) 788-2819.

The CHA Encourages Student Membership

At their meeting of October 1989, the members of the Executive Committee adopted a motion to encourage students to become members of the CHA at the beginning of the academic year. Until recently, students who paid their fees in September received a renewal notice three months later, since their membership expired in December. According to the new procedures, students who become members for the first time in September will have their membership extended to include all of the following year and it will not be until the beginning of their second year of membership that they will come under the rules in effect for the other membership categories. Journal subscriptions will continue to run from January to December according to agreements made with the editors.

1991 CHA Annual Conference Proceedings Available on Microfiche

The Canadian Historical Association reminds members that most of the 163 papers presented at the 1991 CHA Conference in Kingston are available in the *CHA Annual Conference Proceedings On Microfiche, 1991*. Also included are the complete conference programme, table of contents, index of presenters and the CHA Presidential Address. This microfiche set, which is colour coded for easier handling and storage, offers libraries, history departments, historians and other interested groups and individuals, up-to-date research in both Canadian and non-Canadian history topics. A special rate of \$30 is available to CHA members, from the Secretariat, Canadian Historical Association, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3.