

Letters to the Editors

As historians working outside university history departments, and indeed outside the universities altogether, we agreed with the letter from Neil Sutherland and others of Vancouver about broadening the scope of the column on activities of members (Autumn *Newsletter*), and we were glad to see the change of title in the Winter issue. We would be even more pleased if the column contained information on non-university historians. Will this appear in future columns?

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We have received several letters about Ramsay Cook's article (Bulletin, Fall 1990) after our editorial deadline. We will publish the final installment of letters on this article in the next issue.

CHA Names Prize in Honour of John Bullen

At their Fall meeting, the CHA Council voted overwhelmingly to name one of the two new prizes for Ph.D. dissertations in honour of John Bullen. The John Bullen Prize for the best dissertation in Canadian history will be presented for the first time at the CHA annual meeting in Kingston. The CHA also has established a separate prize for the best dissertation in non-Canadian history.

John Ross Bullen had defended his own Ph.D. dissertation "Children of the Industrial Age: Children, Work, and Welfare in Late Nineteenth Century Ontario" a few months prior, and had just convocated, when he died on November 27, 1989, a victim of a tragic automobile accident.

Although just starting his career, John had already shown himself to be a first-rate scholar and had published in a number of journals. He was also highly regarded for

the quality of his teaching at the Universities of Ottawa, Erindale and McGill and the Labour College of Canada. Despite the effort that he put into his academic work, John also managed to carve out generous amounts of time for his family and for his community. He worked with the peace movement, local unions and was active in the NDP.

John's impact on his colleagues is demonstrated by the fact that the suggestion to name the new prize in his honour came to Council from three Committees of the CHA: the Canadian Committee on Women's History, the Labour History Committee and the CHA Graduate Students' Committee.

The CHA Council agreed that the prize was one way to fulfil John's desire for the proper recognition of new scholars and to encourage the excellence which he sought in his own life and work.

For details about how to apply for the Bullen Prize, or the Prize for the best dissertation in non-Canadian history, please see the announcement on page 2 of the Fall 1990 *Bulletin* or contact the CHA Secretariat.

CHA Annual Conference, University of Prince Edward Island, May 31 - June 2, 1992

The 71st Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association will be held in Charlottetown at the University of Prince Edward Island, May 31 to June 2, 1992. The Programme Committee has chosen three themes for the conference: **Natives and Europeans in early colonial history; Transportation and communications in the Canadian experience; and Tourists and tourism in 20th century Canada.** The Committee invites proposals for papers, research-in-progress sessions and panels on these and other subjects. Proposals should state whether they are for a regular or research-in-progress session, outline the topic on a single page and add enough information to identify the proposer's experience and major publications. A selection of papers will be published in the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*. Persons interested in proposing individual papers or panels should write to the Chair of the Programme Committee or to one of its members: Andrew Robb, History, University of Prince Edward Island, Chair; Rusty Bittermann, History, University of New Brunswick; Jack Bumsted, History, University of Manitoba; Gail Campbell, History, University of New

Brunswick; Douglas Cole, History, Simon Fraser University; Jean Daigle, Histoire, Université de Moncton; Deborah Gorham, History, Carleton University; Harry Holman, Public Archives of Prince Edward Island; Reginald Stuart, History, Mount Saint Vincent University; Joanne Veer, History, University of Prince Edward Island.

All proposals must be received **no later than 3 September 1991.**

Kealey Report Available

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of Linda Kealey's "Report on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession in Canada" can obtain a copy for \$4.55, by writing the CHA Secretariat at 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N3. The report surveys the condition of women scholars and women's history at Canadian Universities. Linda Kealey prepared the report from surveys sent across the country in 1989 at the behest of the CHA Council. The Council adopted the main recommendations of the report at their Fall 1990 Council meeting.

Corey Prize Goes to Reginald Stuart

The joint CHA-American Historical Association Corey Prize for the best book on Canadian-American relations, awarded every second year, was awarded at the AHA Annual Meeting to Reginald Stuart of Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia, for his *United States Expansionism and British North America 1775-1871* (University of North Carolina Press, 1988). The prize committee wrote that although they originally thought that this field had been "thoroughly plowed", Stuart has "entered into this historiographical landscape and the whole terrain is bathed in new light." In the eyes of the committee the book's main contribution is to show the different strands, including regional and local ones, behind American expansionism and the development of increasingly complex cross-border economic connections. In adopting these approaches, Professor Stuart has "effectively undermined some of the old stereotypes which obscured understanding."