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owners wish to retain them, are urged to contact the Archives in Ottawa. The Archives are also interested in receiving suggestions from working historians of Canadian science, engineering and medicine regarding individuals, companies or groups whose papers they think should be searched for even if they are not aware of anything that has survived.

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One of the reasons for founding this bulletin was the conviction that there was far more activity than any of us dared suspect, but that it was fragmented. The same might be said about sources in the history of engineering and science in Canada. There is a great deal to be done, both in terms of the work of archivists as well as historians, but at the same time much has been written and preserved. Much is being done right now but few are aware of it. Hence the start of what will be a regular column in this newsletter devoted less to listing discrete articles than to discussion of general sources. It is proposed to deal with published sources which seem to be both rich and neglected as well as archival collections. Comments and information are solicited and should help to improve it.

Although the National Museum of Science and Technology is not exactly known for its research in the history of the fields that it covers, some of the publications coming from the National Museum of Man are of considerable interest to historians of technology and science. One of their most recent ventures is the founding and publication of the twice yearly Material History Bulletin. The first two issues appeared as History Division Papers, numbers 15 and 21 in the National Museum of Man Mercury Series. The latter is still available free of charge from the History Division. Subsequent issues will be by subscription, \$3.00 per year.

The Material History Bulletin will be published twice yearly and is designed to meet the need for a publication to encourage and disseminate research on Canada's material history through the publication of short articles, research notes and comments, reviews of both books and exhibits and other material related to material culture. The editors' interpretation of the term material history

is sufficiently broad as to encompass much of interest to historians of technology. Depending on reader response there could be material of interest to historians of science as well.

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The following articles relating to the history of technology in Canada have appeared in the first two issues:

History Division Papers, No. 15

- Barbara Riley, Robb Watt, "Introduction", pp. 1-6.  
An explanation of the purpose and philosophy of the Bulletin.
- Marie Elwood, "Father and Son, Two Halifax Cabinet-makers" pp. 7-13.
- Paul-Louis Martin, "Le Film Ethnographique Et L'Histoire Du Milieu", pp. 14-19.
- David Newlands, "The Archaeological Investigations of Two Huron County, Ontario, Earthenware Potteries" pp. 2--27. This is not the usual field report listing objects dug out of the ground but an interesting introduction to one aspect of the operation and technology of a small scale industry.
- "News and Comments". This is a regular feature with far too many items to itemize.

History Division Papers, No. 21

- Jim Wardrop, "British Columbia's Experience With Early Chain Saws", pp. 9-18.
- Pierre Rastoul, "La Chaumière Québécoise" pp. 19-41
- Robert D. Watt, "Early B.C. Sawmill Machinery: 1869" pp. 47-54.  
Reviews and Notes and Comments not itemized here  
see pp. 55-84.

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