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ABSTRACTS

Jean-Paul BAILLARGEON et Michel DE LA DURANTAYE : *Le livre dans les quotidiens au Québec, ailleurs au Canada et dans certaines capitales, et la considération pour le livre national et étranger*

The way in which the newspapers of a given society treat the books and authors from that society, and the space devoted to them in their sections or columns specializing on books and literature, are symptomatic of the relations which that society maintains with its cultural productions and with those outside the country. This article analyses the different treatments given to books from the home nation and books from other nations in Québec's French-language dailies, in certain Canadian English-language dailies, in a few newspapers from Brussels, Geneva, Paris, London and New York.

Gilles BOURQUE : *À propos d'un chaînon manquant*

This critique focuses on the issue of the journal *Société* entitled "Le chaînon manquant" (the missing link), which puts forward a reinterpretation of the Quiet Revolution. According to the authors, the event should be understood as the end result of a process characterized by the transformation of French-Canadian society structured around the Church and the extended family, leading to the formation of a Québec society dominated by the technocracy. After acknowledging the relevance and quality of the articles published in this issue, the author of the critique discusses the main theses supported by the authors, which bear on French Canada as well as on the Quiet Revolution and on contemporary Québec society.

Maria DE KONINCK et Romaine MALENFANT : *Les rapports sociaux et l'application de mesures sociales. Le cas de la conciliation grossesse / travail*

Women workers in Québec benefit from maternity protection measures that have been improved over the years. However, the application of these measures does not necessarily give them the protection that is sought. Some women are dismissed when they become pregnant, and others suffer deterioration in their working conditions. Empirical research is presented here in order to build knowledge on the experience of the reconciliation of work and pregnancy. A

considerable gap is observed between the legal measures and the mentality observed in the workplace where the application of these measures is governed. Our interpretation is that this gap arises out of the persistence of a dichotomic vision of production and reproduction.

Denys DELÂGE et Jean-Philippe WARREN : Iroquoisie. *Considérations générales autour d'une œuvre de Léo-Paul Desrosiers*

This article discusses the four-volume work entitled *Iroquoisie* by Léo-Paul Desrosiers, which has recently appeared after being forgotten for a half-century. In this work, which is a masterpiece from several viewpoints, and incisively written, the author put forward several hypotheses that anticipated contemporary historiographic paradigms. The authors of this article attempt to review the work by analysing it under three headings. Thus, they explore first of all the history of Desrosiers and the main factors that explain a certain silence that has long surrounded his work. They then analyse the work itself, from the viewpoint of its archivistic erudition and the interpretative paths that it follows, but also of its overall perspective. They conclude with a critique of the intention underlying *Iroquoisie* in the economy of the novelist's personal writing, as well as in the defense of the ideologies to which the novelist adhered. This analysis points to a convincing work, with complexity and internal contradictions that enrich the understanding of the history of New France rather than closing in on itself or invalidating its main theme.