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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

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A 1882 view of the Port and City of Saint John, New Brunswick. This photograph is reproduced by courtesy of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

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## NATIONAL MAP COLLECTION RE-ORGANIZATION

A recent re-organization has resulted in a new structure in the National Map Collection. The old Canadian and Foreign Sections have been dissolved and five new sections have been established. These are:

- 1) Early Canadian Cartography Section. The section head is Edward H. Dahl. The section is responsible for the acquisition, custody and servicing of the Canadian cartographic heritage from the earliest times to the mid-nineteenth century.
- 2) Modern Cartography Section. The section head is Louis Cardinal. The acquisition, custody and servicing of the Canadian cartographic heritage from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day are part of the responsibilities of this section. The section is also responsible for the selective current international collection.
- 3) Government Cartographical and Architectural Records Section. The section head is William Oppen. The section is responsible for the acquisition, custody and servicing of cartographical records used as part of the public record by other government departments and agencies and of architectural records, both governmental and private.
- 4) External and Internal Services Section. The section head is Gilles Langelier. The section's main responsibilities include the division's conservation programme, reference and photoduplication services, and physical control of the collection. The section is responsible for the development and operation of the 105 mm microfilm programme and the redistribution programme.
- 5) Documentation Control Section. The section head is Hugo L.P. Stibbe. The section is responsible for the development of and adherence to cataloguing guidelines, the development of the MARC format, and the National Union Catalogue of Maps as well as editorial control of the divisional card catalogues.

This administrative structure should insure that all the materials in and acquired by the National Map Collection receive attention and that progress is made in the related technical and automation programmes.

Betty Kidd  
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#### URBAN PROSPECTS SERIES

The Urban Prospects series, published by Macmillan of Canada for the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, is intended to provoke discussions and debate on important urban issues. As the name implies, the Urban Prospects series focuses primarily on current issues facing Canadian urban society and the volumes are prospective, concerned with the future rather than the past. The goal of the series is to provide an opportunity for authors to present their ideas and views on the wide range of urban issues which are of concern to decision makers and policy planners in Canadian government.

The series contains twelve volumes, all published in either 1975 or 1976. A complete list of the volumes follows:

- 1) C. I. Jackson, ed. Canadian Settlements - Perspectives (1975; 126 pp.).
- 2) C. D. Burke. The Parasites Outnumber the Hosts: A Review of Some Economic Trends and Their Impact on Public Policy for Urban, Regional, and National Economic Development (1975; 48 pp.).
- 3) R. Thompson. People Do It All The Time: How Community-Based Enterprises Across Canada Are Successfully Meeting the Needs of Their Communities (1976; 80 pp.).
- 4) J. Kettle. Hindsight on the Future (1976; 91 pp.).
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- 9) H. Lash. Planning in a Human Way: Personal Reflections on the Regional Planning Experience in Greater Vancouver (1976; 96 pp.).
- 10) S. Hamilton and G. Maffini. The Superior Oracle (1976; 56 pp.).
- 11) C. D. Burke and D. J. Ireland. Holding the Line: A Strategy for Canadian Development (1976; 80 pp.).
- 12) M. Rawson. Ill Fares the Land: Land-Use Management at the Urban/Rural/Resource Edges: The British Columbia Land Commission (1976; 45 pp.).

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THE WESTERN GEOGRAPHICAL SERIES:  
FOCUS ON URBAN CANADA

Oliver Wendell Holmes, with his usual flair for the picturesque, once wrote "the axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the centre of each and every town or city". It is this concept, that urban centres are the key to understanding the growth of civilization, that has been illustrated by several volumes of the Western Geographical Series.

This continuing publication is designed as a forum for the expression of contemporary North American geographical thought and for the presentation of the results of recent research activities. Published by the Department of Geography of the University of Victoria, it includes

monographs and articles authored by prominent geographers. Normally two issues appear annually, but three or four a year are published when suitable material is available. They retail at \$4 a copy; considerably less than the cost of production. In keeping with the foci of the Department, preference is given to topics relevant to the philosophy and teaching of geography; the Pacific Rim; resources management and urban studies.

Of particular interest to the readers of the Urban History Review are likely to be those volumes of the twelve published to date, which have a civic theme. Prominent amongst these is Volume 5 Residential and Neighbourhood Studies in Victoria, edited by Dr. C. N. Forward. The volume consists of six individual research articles by faculty and former graduate students of the Geography Department of the University of Victoria. These deal with such diverse topics as "The Immortality of a Fashionable Residential District: The Uplands", which is examined by the editor; "Socio-Economic Structures and Viability of Chinatown", a review by Chuen-Yan Lai; and "Apartment Location: The Balance Between Developer and Community", studied by Peter E. Murphy. Other contributors are R. W. Robertson who describes the "Anatomy of a Renewal Scheme"; J. Douglas Porteous who examines "The Burnside Teenage Gang: Territoriality, Social Space and Community Planning"; and Ian Halkett who is concerned with "Residential Land Use and Attempts to Preserve Open Space on the Saanich Peninsula".

Teachers of urban history or geography might well find the Handbook of Geographical Games, by Colin J. B. Wood, a major asset in the classroom. This volume describes in detail several geographical simulation games, invented by the author, which are designed to give participants a greater understanding of decision making and its impact on the landscape. Games presented allow players to take part in pioneer settlement, compete for land in an urban fringe area, design new towns, be involved in the transportation of oil and determine the location of an airport. Participation in a variety of differing roles allows

players to become more keenly aware of the complexities and stresses of decision making and its role in modifying the landscape. It is highly recommended for Senior High School and Introductory University courses.

A recent urban volume published in the Western Geographical Series is Calgary: Metropolitan Structure and Influence, edited by Brenton M. Barr. This volume, number 11, consists of seven research articles by faculty and graduate students from the Universities of Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge. Topics examined include inter-industry linkages between Calgary's manufacturing firms, the Mobile-Home Industry, Calgary's role as an oil administrative and operations centre and changes in the surrounding central place system. Other themes discussed are planning for retail services in new residential areas since 1944, food stores-dwelling linkages and Calgary's community areas. Authors include the editor Brenton M. Barr, Alice McEwen, G. H. Zieber, Wayne K. D. Davies, T. T. Gyuse, P. J. Smith, D. G. Harasym and Denis B. Johnson.

Urban geographers and historians may also find Volume 12 Victoria: Physical Environment and Development, edited by Harold D. Foster of interest. This publication is designed to illustrate, with examples from the Victoria region of British Columbia, that physical geographers can greatly assist in the logical development of human settlements. Topics discussed include the perception of the area by early settlers, a review by C. N. Forward. Michael C. R. Edgell provides strategies for humanising the urban forest, whilst the impact of nocturnal temperate patterns on agriculture are described by Stanton E. Tuller and Rodney Chilton. Three chapters are devoted to reviews of natural hazards in the region. The first, written by Harold D. Foster discusses coastal erosion. It is followed by a seismic microzonation of Victoria presented by Val Wuorinen. The possible impact of earthquakes of differing magnitudes in the city are described by Harold D. Foster and R. Carey. Waste disposal problems provide the final two chapters with a focus. The implications of sanitary landfilling are discussed by T. Fenge, while Derek V. Ellis reviews the policies concerning sewage disposal to the sea.



In addition to volumes devoted entirely to urban themes, several chapters of concern to those studying the history, growth and future prospects of cities are contained in the remainder of the Series. These include a fascinating description of crowding in Hong Kong, written by Chuen-Yan Lai and appearing in Volume 10 Themes on Pacific Lands. An interesting chapter on the impact of containerisation on the major Australian ports, authored by C. N. Forward, is contained in Volume 1, The Geographer and Society.

Mythology records the sobering case of an emperor who ordered his advisors to supply him with a single sentence which would give the impression of wisdom when spoken, regardless of the occasion. Their reply, adequate but not reassuring, was "and this too shall pass away". As yet, however, the Western Geographical Series shows no sign of reinforcing the validity of this truism. Just the reverse since there are plans for expansion. Four forthcoming volumes are to be devoted to the urban geographies of Vancouver (two separate publications), Edmonton and Regina. In this manner the Western Geographical Series is continuing to explain Canada to itself, a necessary pre-requisite for the development of a national consciousness and to the world, so making a small contribution to international understanding.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF  
URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Bedford College, London, England, 14th-18th September 1977

Plans for this major conference are now well underway. The conference will take the form of plenary sessions, with formal lectures, working sessions - at which a number of pre-circulated papers will be

presented - and guided visits. The organizers of the conference have arranged two tours. Mr. Robert Thorne, of the Historic Buildings Department of the Greater London Council, will lead tours that take in Bedford Park, Hampstead and other planning landmarks in London, and that include Letchworth and one or more of the post 1945 New Towns. For further information write:

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URBAN HISTORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The committee met during the CHA meetings in Quebec City in June and again on October 22nd at the University of Toronto. The fall meeting in Toronto included a tour of the Toronto City Archives led by R. Scott James (City Archivist) and a seminar on Toronto's planning and development history led by Jim Lemon (Geography, University of Toronto) and several of his graduate students.

The results of the business meetings held in June and October are summarized below:

1. Urban History Sessions at the CHA Annual Meetings

The committee decided to organize only one session at the 1977 meeting in Fredericton, N.B. The session will be:

Aspects of Urban Development in Atlantic Canada

Chairman: Alan F. J. Artibise (Victoria)

"The Structure of Fredericton Society, 1851"  
Alan Brooks (U.N.B.)

"Working Women in Fredericton, 1851-1871"

Yvonne Piggott (U.N.B.)

Commentator: D. A. Muise (Museum of Man)

Two sessions are being planned for the 1978 meeting in London, Ontario. They are "Immigration and the City", and "Archives and Urban History".

## 2. Canada's Urban Past: A Conference on Canadian Urban History

Plans for this major conference, to be held at the University of Guelph in May 1977, were discussed in some detail. The program is now complete and is reprinted elsewhere in this issue of the Review.

## 3. The Urban History Review

The editorial structure of the Review has been revised to include three co-editors and several new editorial committee members. The names of the editors and editorial committee are printed on the inside front cover of this issue.

The next issue of the Review (June, 1977) will contain abstracts of all papers to be presented at the Guelph Conference as well as regular features. This issue will be published early and made available at the Conference.

## 4. Committee Membership

The following have agreed to serve for 1976-77:

Gilbert Stelter (Chairman)	Guelph
Alan Artibise	Victoria
Alan Brooks	U.N.B.
J.M.S. Careless	Toronto
R. Scott James	Toronto City Archives
Michael Katz	York
James T. Lemon	Toronto
Paul-André Linteau	Québec a Montréal
D. A. Muise	Museum of Man

Normand Séguin	Québec à Chicoutimi
John Taylor	Carleton
Iain Taylor	Athabaska
John Weaver	McMaster

John Taylor will assume the chairmanship as of June 1977.

The next meeting of the committee will be at Fredericton in June during the CHA Annual Meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Gilbert A. Stelter  
Chairman,  
University of Guelph

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CANADA'S URBAN PAST  
A CONFERENCE ON CANADIAN URBAN HISTORY  
University of Guelph, May 12-14, 1977

PROGRAM

*Thursday, May 12, 1977*

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Registration   |
| 11:00 a.m. | 1. <u>Metropolitanism and Regional Urban Development</u><br>Chairman: Donald Kerr (Geography, Toronto)<br>Montreal and the Quebec Urban System - Ronald Rudin (History, Concordia)<br>Metropolitanism as a Factor in American Relations with Canada - James Snell (History, Guelph)<br>Boosterism and City Support Regions in the Province of Canada - David B. Knight (Geography, Carleton) |
|            | Commentator: J.M.S. Careless (History, Toronto)  |
| 2:30 p.m.  | 2. <u>Social Structure in the Nineteenth Century City: An Evaluation of Michael Katz's, The People of Hamilton, Canada West</u><br>Chairman: Iain Taylor (Social Sciences, Athabaska)<br>Comments: Paul-André Linteau (Histoire, Québec à Montréal)<br>J. K. Johnson (History, Carleton)<br>Reply: Michael Katz (History, York)  |

- 4:30 p.m.      3. Analyzing Nineteenth Century Urban Society: A Workshop on Montreal  
 Chairman: David Farrell (History, Guelph)  
 Presentation of "Montreal Society in the Nineteenth Century" Project - Paul André Linteau and Jean-Claude Robert (Histoire, Québec à Montréal)
- 6:30 p.m.      President's Reception
- 8:30 p.m.      4. The Visual Record and Urban History  
 Chairman: Carl Wallace (History, Laurentian)  
 Presentations from The National Museum of Man, Canada's Visual History Series  
 Urban Development in the Canadas to 1850 - J.M.S. Careless (History, Toronto)  
 Early Vancouver - Norbert MacDonald (History, British Columbia)  
 Commentator: Alan Gowans (History in Art, Victoria)

*Friday, May 13, 1977*

- 9:00 a.m.      5. Planning and Housing Policy in the Early Twentieth Century  
 Chairman: Albert Rose (Social Work, Toronto)  
 Early Housing Reforms in Toronto: A Confluence of Interests - Shirley Spragge (History, Queen's)  
 The Making and Selling of the Urban Hearth in Vancouver - Deryck Holdsworth (Geography, British Columbia)  
 The Institutional Response to City Planning - Brahm Wiesman and Tom Gunton (Community and Regional Planning, British Columbia)  
 Commentator: James T. Lemon (Geography, Toronto)
- 11:00 a.m.      6. The Development Process  
 Chairman: Norman Pearson (Political Science, Western Ontario)  
 Speculation and the Physical Expansion of Mid-19th Century Hamilton - Michael Doucet (Geography, Toronto)  
 The Development Process in Toronto, 1850-1885 - Isobel Ganton (Geography, Toronto)  
 Patterns of Land-Usage Development in Calgary, 1884-1941 - Max Foran (History, Calgary)  
 Commentator: Peter Goheen (Geography, Queen's)

- 1:00 p.m.      Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Guelph led by  
Gordon Couling (Architectural Conservancy, Guelph)
- 2:30 p.m.      7. Urban Planning in the Early Twentieth Century  
Chairman: Hans Blumenfeld (Planning, Toronto)  
The Pragmatism of Early Canadian Planners,  
1900-1939 - Walter Van Nus (History,  
Concordia)  
Early Conceptions of the Public Responsibility  
in Urban Planning in Alberta - P. J. Smith  
(Geography, Alberta)  
Zoning as Planning: The Toronto Experience -  
Peter Moore (Geography, Toronto)  
Commentator: Leonard Gertler (Urban and Regional  
Planning, Waterloo)
- 4:30 p.m.      8. Preserving the Urban Past: A Panel Discussion  
Chairman: Sydney Wise (History, Carleton, and Vice-  
Chairman, Ontario Heritage Foundation)  
Alan Gowans (History in Art, Victoria)  
Peter Stokes (Consultant, Niagara-on-the-Lake)  
Douglas Richardson (Fine Art, Toronto)  
Margaret MacKinnon (Alderman, Guelph)
- 7:00 p.m.      Reception, Peter Clark Hall.
- 7:30 p.m.      John Galt dinner, Peter Clark Hall.  
The menu is based on the type of food  
served in Upper Canada in the 1820's when  
the Scottish novelist, John Galt, founded  
Guelph.
- 8:30 p.m.      9. The World of Urban History  
Chairman: Gilbert Stelter (History, Guelph)  
Evening Address: H. J. Dyos (Urban History, Leicester,  
England)
- Saturday, May 14, 1977*
- 9:00 a.m.      10. The Economics of Urban Growth: General  
Chairman: C. N. Forward (Geography, Victoria)  
Canada's Urban Development - Ruben Bellan  
(Economics, Manitoba)  
The Evolution of the Canadian Urban Economy -  
James Simmons (Geography, Toronto)  
Demographic Correlates of Urban Economic  
Development - James Stafford (Sociology,  
Lakehead)  
Commentator: Richard Alcorn (History, Western Ontario)

- 9:00 a.m.      11. Politics and the Provision of Services in Cities  
 Chairman: Gerald Bloomfield (Geography, Guelph)  
 The Investors and the Politicians: Electrical  
 Utilities in Vancouver's First Decade -  
 Patricia Roy (History, Victoria)  
 Street Railways in Winnipeg - Ian Clark (History,  
 Manitoba)  
 Montreal's Municipal Government and the Crisis  
 of the 1930's - Terry Copp (History,  
 Wilfrid Laurier)  
 Commentator: John Taylor (History, Carleton)
- 11:00 a.m.      12. The Planning of Resource-Based Communities  
 Chairman: S. D. Clark (Sociology, Guelph)  
 Resource Towns as New Town - Norman Pressman  
 (Urban and Regional Planning, Waterloo)  
 The Influence of Thomas Adams and the British  
 New Towns Movement in the Planning of  
 Canadian Resource Communities - Oiva Saarinen  
 (Geography, Laurentian)  
 Planning and Development in Whitehorse and  
 Yellowknife - Paul Koroscil (Geography,  
 Simon Fraser)  
 Commentator: Douglas Hoffman (Resources Development,  
 Guelph)
- 11:00 a.m.      13. The Cities and Local Government  
 Chairman: William Kilbourn (History and former  
 Executive Alderman, Toronto)  
 Continuity and Change in 19th Century Toronto  
 Municipal Politics - Douglas McCalla and  
 Elwood Jones (History, Trent)  
 Municipal Reform Movements in Western Canada -  
 James D. Anderson (Political Science, Alberta)  
 Analysis of Leadership of Winnipeg Civic Politics,  
 1943-1970 - J. E. Rea (History, Manitoba)  
 Commentator: Paul Rutherford (History, Toronto)
- 1:00 p.m.      Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Guelph led by  
 Gordon Couling
- 2:30 p.m.      14. The Economics of Urban Growth: Regional  
 Chairman: D. C. Masters (History, Guelph)  
 Staples, Urban Growth, and the Heartland-  
 Interland Paradigm: The Case of the Regressive  
 Hinterland City; Halifax, c. 1861-1931 -  
 L. D. McCann (Geography, Mount Allison)

Boosterism and the Development of Prairie Cities,  
1871-1931 - Alan Artibise (History, Victoria)

Commentator: John Weaver (History, McMaster)

4:30 p.m. 15. Strategies for Growth: Guelph as a Case Study

Chairman: Jacob Spelt (Geography, Toronto)

Mercantile Theory and Industrial Development:  
Guelph, 1847-1910 - Leo Johnson (History,  
Waterloo)

Commentator: Fred Dahms (Geography, Guelph)

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