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CARLETON UNIVERSITY LECTURES

A novel and important attempt to
bring the history of Canadian
science and technology to both
students and public is being made
at Carleton University in Ottawa
with a series of lectures entitled
"The Scientific Tradition in
Canada." Under the direction of
Prof. M.E. McCully of the Depart-
ment of Biology, the course of
lectures may be taken for credit
but, as they are given at night,
they are also open to interested
Ottawans. All lectures are given
on Wednesdays 20 h, in Room 103,
Steacie. The remaining programme
includes:

6 Feb. P. Harker, 'Canadian
Tradition in Geology;'
13 Feb. J. Babbitt, 'E.W.R. Steacie
and the NRC;'
20 Feb. J. Neelin, 'The Role of
the Amateur in the Development of
Science in Canada;'
5 March. S. Frost, 'The Scientific
Tradition of McGill;'
12 March. W.C. Gibson, 'Brain
Research in Canada;'
19 March. M. Dunbar, 'Scientists
and Explorers in the Arctic;'
26 March. W. Gunn, 'The Private
Sector in Canadian Science;'
2 April. C. Person, 'Agricultural
Research in Canada;'
9 April. C.E.S. Franks, 'The
Political Implication of the
Canadian Scientific Tradition.'

For further information, call
Prof. McCully 231-2794 or 4458.

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OTTAWA AREA HISTORIANS MEET

A group of some fifteen Ottawa area
historians of science and technology
met at the University of Ottawa at
the request of Donald J.C. Phillipson,
on 10 January 1980. Mr. Phillipson
desired a meeting to see whether

there was sufficient interest to hold regular meetings. As a result the group will meet informally and read papers on historical topics. Mr. Phillipson will provide the first paper in a February meeting. Those in the Ottawa area interested in meeting with others should contact him at Hall's Road, R.R. 1, Carlsbad Springs, Ontario KOA 1

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CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE/
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'HISTOIRE ET DE LA PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES

The annual meeting of CSHPS/SCHPS will be held at the Université de Québec à Montréal in June 1980. Papers on Canadian science and technology will be welcome. The Programme Chairman is Prof. François Duchesneau, Département de philosophie, Université de Montréal, Montréal H3C 3J7.

At the call of Dr. G.R. Paterson, President of CSHPS, executive members of CSHPS, the Canadian Society for History of Medicine, Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics, and the Canadian Academy of History of Pharmacy met at the University of Ottawa on 18-19 January 1980, to discuss the formation of a federation of similar-interest societies. Individual societies are now discussing proposals for such a union. The editor, who attended the meeting, has spoken with a number of historians of Canadian science and technology who are interested in the idea of forming a separate society within such a federation, should it be formed. The Bulletin will keep you up to date on these matters.

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CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS HISTORY COMMITTEE

Andrew Wilson, who has become President of CSME, has resigned as Chairman of the History Committee of the society. The new Chairman is Dr. John Molgaard, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland. Those interested in the history of mechanical engineering in Canada should get in touch with Dr. Molgaard at 161 Waterford Bridge Road, St. John's, A1E 1C7.

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CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION NEWS

The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage will sponsor an international conference on the preservation, restoration and presentation of early textile machinery, 20-22 August 1980, in Diepenbeek, Belgium. Anyone interested can write to the conference secretariat: TICCIH, Textile Machinery Conference, c/o Voetbalstraat 4, B-9000 Gent, Belgium. The editor of HSTC Bulletin has one set of conference applications should anyone desire it.

Archivists may find the seminars on Preservation and Restoration of Photographic Images, offered by the College of Graphic Arts and Photography of the Rochester Institute of Technology, of interest. These will take place on 3-5 March and 25-27 August. Further information may be obtained from Val Johnson, RIT-GARC, One Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623.

CANADIAN INVENTORY OF HISTORIC TECHNOLOGY

Many of us who are interested in the history of technology in Canada have bemoaned the fact that we have no programme equivalent to the Historic American Engineering Record (established 1969). It was hoped that the programme called the Canadian Engineering Heritage Record which was established in 1972 would eventually compile an inventory of historic technology through the efforts of enthusiastic volunteers. Unfortunately the project failed to attract much interest and gradually expired.

In 1978, I began to conceive of a plan for a pilot project involving paid teams of students conducting a survey under closely supervised conditions. My Dean gave me his immediate support for the concept and permission to use Queen's facilities and seed money of \$1,000. I visited the HAER staff in Washington and came away with forms, diagrams, instruction booklets and advice. Parks Canada, of the Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the Heritage Administration Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation were contacted and they were interested but were unable to supply any funds at this time.

Finally, an application was made to the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration for a Young Canada Works Programme Grant. The application requested funds for \$18,462 for seven student researchers and expenses for sixteen weeks. A sum of \$5,400 was finally approved to hire three students for twelve weeks and to cover some minimal transportation equipment expenses. No funds were applied for or granted as an extra salary to me as project supervisor. The starting date was May 14, 1979.

The local office of Manpower selected several university students with appropriate background, from whom I chose two students who were just completing their final year of honours history and one graduate of honours Geography. Very few engineering students would work for such low wages and those who would were not suitable. The students were mainly chosen for their enthusiasm and maturity.

The three students were organized into one team and were given some introductory training and assistance in preparing their research plan. The criteria adopted for the survey was as follows:

- (a) a structure must be at least 50 years old