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URBAN BIOGRAPHY SERIES

In response to a continuing demand for more popular publications, the History Division of the National Museum of Man has undertaken to publish a series of books on a wide range of Canadian Cities. The purpose of the series is to offer the general public in Canada a stimulating insight into the country's urban past. Over the next several years, the Division plans to publish as many as thirty or forty volumes dealing with such varied communities as Montreal and Vancouver, Chicoutimi and Brandon, London and Sydney.

While the series is primarily designed to meet the Museum's commitment to provide informative and attractive publications for the general public, there are obviously a wide range of other reasons for the support of such a project. The projected volumes in the series will fill needs at the university and college levels in urban history and urban studies, and will also be very useful for high school students studying their own community in particular and urban Canada in general. Also, if the plan to have the authors follow a set pattern respecting format and presentation can be followed fairly closely, the series could well prove to be a major addition to Canadian historiography and to urban history in general. At the very least, the series will be a progressive step along the path to a general and comparative history of the Canadian City.

The books in the series will be approximately 150 pages. The format will be text interspersed with visual material: photographs, maps, graphs, charts and tables. The books will be published in both French and English.

Scholars who are currently doing research on Canadian Cities or who may wish further information about the series should contact Alan Artibise, History Division, National Museum of Man, K1A 0M8.

THE URBAN HISTORY COMMITTEE OF THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The committee is sponsoring three sessions at the Edmonton meetings in June. In addition to the Symposium on 19th Century Canadian Cities represented by this issue of the Review, we have also set up "City Planning in Canada" to be chaired by Paul Rutherford (Toronto) and "La societe montrealaise dans les annes 1820" to be chaired by Harvey Graff (OISE).

An annual meeting of the Urban History Group will be held during the Edmonton meetings, on Thursday, June 5th, at 12 o'clock. Information on the room number will be printed in the final conference program. The agenda for the meeting includes:

1. The future of the Urban History Review: Alan Artibise, National Museum of Man
2. The Museum of Man's projected Urban Biography series: Alan Artibise and Del Muise
3. The preservation of municipal records: Lynn Ogden, Vancouver City Archivist
4. Questionnaire on research and teaching of Canadian urban history
5. Future programs

Suggestions for other items would be appreciated.

The program committee of the CHA has dropped a bombshell by demanding that all submissions for the 1975 meetings at Quebec City be in their hands by May 15, 1975. Among possible session topics are: late 19th century municipal reform; aspects of the history of Quebec City; the towns of New France. If you have any program suggestions, please contact any member of the committee.

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