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TWO NEW NEWSLETTERS FOR HISTORIANS

This month saw the birth of two new newsletters catering primarily to historians in Canada. The Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM) is now distributing its "Newsletter/Nouvelles" edited by Dr K. B. Roberts of the Medical School of Memorial University, and by Dr Jean Beaudoin of the Hôtel-Dieu in Québec. Having 22 pages, the newsletter is printed by offset method and is described as an occasional publication. Items for inclusion can be sent to either Dr Roberts at the Health Sciences Centers, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 3V6, or to Dr Beaudoin at L'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, 11, Côte du Palais, Québec.

Since the CSHM encompasses a broad spectrum of the history of medical sciences, only part of the newsletter's coverage is on Canadian topics.

At the same time, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS) has breathed life into its defunct "Bulletin" which has reappeared as "Communiqué" under the editorship of Donald J. C. Phillipson well-known to readers of this newsletter. The "Communiqué" will be published three times a year and will cater to the wide fields of history and philosophy of science. Mr. Phillipson, in his inaugural editorial, writes that his newsletter does not intend to compete with the HSTC BULLETIN on matters Canadian, although his first article is a reasoned attack on the National Museum of Science and Technology. The editors wish both ventures well.

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CONFERENCE ON CANADIAN INVENTION

Dr J. Tuzo Wilson, Director-General of the Ontario Science Centre, and his staff, are planning a two-day conference, tentatively scheduled for

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NEWS (Cont.) November 1979 at the Science Centre. Plans are being formulated currently with two purposes in mind: to promote the founding of a new national society on science and public affairs, and to bring to the public attention the important innovations of Canadians. Further information may be obtained from the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1T3.

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THE ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

The Association for Canadian Studies (ACS), founded at the Learned Societies conference in 1973, fosters the study of Canada, in particular, interdisciplinary studies. The current president, Mr Jim Page of Seneca College in Toronto, has a strong interest in Canadian science and technology and would like to forge links between his group and those who are working in the field of the history of Canadian science and technology. The ACS publishes a handsome newsletter quarterly and a biannual journal Canadian Issues. The association is now mounting a series of developmental workshops and, according to Mr Page, if there is enough interest, science and technology might be considered as a future workshop topic. Its October 1979 workshop, to be held in the Toronto area, will focus on teaching materials for Canadian studies and there will be some representation from the science and technology group. Further information about the ACS may be obtained by writing the association at 1750 Finch Ave. E., Willowdale, Ont. M2J 2X5.

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TWENTY PAPERS ON CANADIAN TOPICS AT THE LEARNED SOCIETIES

The largest collection of papers on Canadian science, technology, and medicine will be read at the meetings of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science and the Canadian Society for History of Medicine from 3-6 June at Saskatoon. The CSHM has scheduled the following papers:

3 June: Janice P. McGinnis (Alberta) "From Salvarsan to Penicillin: Venereal Disease Control in Canada, 1919-1945"

Ruth Pierson (St. John's), "Venereal Disease, Pregnancy and the Canadian Women's Army Corps in World War II"

Fred Manuel (Toronto), "The Birth of the Pain Clinic in the United States and Canada"

Barbara Tunis (Ottawa), "The Medical Profession in Lower Canada: Its Evolution as a Social Group, 1788-1838"

4 June: Sylvio LeBlond (Quebec), "L'Enseignement de la médecine à Québec avant l'Université Laval"

John D. Griffin (Toronto), "The Asylum at Lower Fort Garry 1874-1886"

Stuart Houston (Saskatoon), "Doctor Afield--Dr John Richardson"

Vince Matthews (Saskatoon), "The First Fifty Years of Health Care in Saskatchewan"

F. Silversides (Saskatoon), "Politics of Health Insurance in Saskatchewan"

Edwin Tollefson (Ottawa), "Medicare Crisis Revisited"

The CSHPS has four Canadian session planned plus several other Canadian-oriented papers. These include:

4 June: Rainer Baehre (York), "The Psychiatric Theory of Richard M. Bucke: A Study of the Impact of Evolutionary Naturalism on Psychiatric Thought in Late-Victorian Canada"

Susan Sheets-Pyenson (Concordia) and Lewis Pyenson (Montréal), "The Formative Years on Canadian Science: J. W. Dawson and His Circle, 1865-1885"

Arnold Roos (Parks Canada), "The Desjardins Canal: A Forgotten Vestige of the 19th Century Canadian Canal Building Era"

Bertrum MacDonald (Western Ontario), "Agriculture and Plant Diseases in 19th Century Ontario"

R. Bruce Shepard (Saskatoon), "The Mechanized Agricultural Frontier of the Canadian Plains"

5 June: W. E. K. Middleton (Vancouver), "Radar Development in Canada, 1939-1946"

Yakov M. Rabkin (Montreal), "Ecole Polytechnique and Faculty of Engineering of McGill University: A History of Simultaneous Development of Two Engineering Schools in Montreal"

Christian De Bresson (Science Council), "Industrial Innovation in Canada"

Craig Heron (Dalhousie), "The Crisis of the Artisan: Hamilton's Metal Trades Workers, 1896-1930" --Joint Session with CHA

James O. Petersen (Toronto), "The Technological Policy of the Canadian Labour Movement" --Joint Session with CHA

6 June: W. A. Waiser (Saskatchewan), "The Field Naturalist: John Macoun's Tenure with the Geological Survey of Canada, 1882-1912"

Vittorio de Vecchi (Sussex), "From South Kensington to Indian Head: A Study of the Interaction of Science and Imperialism"

Those wishing to attend these meetings should contact Prof Larry Stewart, Dept. of History, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0, or phone him at (306) 343- 2100.