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The articles in this issue by Messrs Passfield and Richardson are two of the three papers read to the Canadian Technology session at the meeting of the Society for the History of Technology at Toronto in October 1980. This session was co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science.

This issue also signals the completion of our first volume as a journal for the history of Canadian science, technology and medicine. Readers will have noticed that the publication schedule has had a tendency to fall behind but we plead inexperience. Since both Arnold Roos' and my editorial experience is with books, we are learning as we go and thank our readers for their patience and support. Most of the comments that have reached us are encouraging and in the coming year we will do all we can to improve. The Bulletin is here to serve a small but enthusiastic community of scholars. After only a year, we have surpassed the 200 mark in subscriptions, which may seem small by the standards of many journals, but is very heartening to us. The Bulletin now reaches readers in all the provinces but one and to the USA, England, Ireland, Australia, Germany and Switzerland.

The bad news is in the enclosed renewal notice. Since we cannot command a subscription list of several thousands, our costs are very sensitive to the small numbers and skyrocketing prices of paper and printing (and soon postage) has made a subscription rate rise inevitable. Still, we think you will find the HSTC BULLETIN good value. We have a healthy backlog of interesting papers and hope to serve you in the coming year.

RAJ