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Gregory Albo, David Langille, and Leo Panitch, ed., *A Different Kind of State? Popular Power and Democratic Administration* (Toronto: Oxford University Press 1993).

WITH NEO-CONSERVATIVE regimes eroding the commitment to public service and dismantling various so-called "safety nets," the 1990s is a decade in which the place and meaning of the state is being reconsidered. This collection encompasses 20 essays that touch down on popular power and the administration of democracy, social movements and public sector unionism, and Canada's particular social democratic experience. While the general statements may prove useful, most of the concrete analysis and comment — particularly pertaining to the 1990 election of Ontario's NDP government — was dated before the ink dried on the pages of this text.

William Kaplan, ed., *Belonging: The Meaning and Future of Canadian Citizenship* (Montréal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 1993).

HERE IS A COLLECTION on citizenship and democratic government quite different than that offered by the Albo, Langille, and Panitch book noted above. Dedicated to Paul Martin, it is ordered by a liberal perspective that addresses the history of aspects of Canadian citizenship (where the commentators include Desmond Morton, Jack Granatstein, and

Robert Bothwell, giving one cause to think that Kaplan plugged into the CBC's files), regional concerns, the editor's area of law, and special interest groups. The latter category includes unions, addressed in an essay on "Citizenship and the Trade Union Movement" by Daryl Bean, President of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Greg Marquis, *Policing Canada's Century: A History of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press 1993).

THIS OFFICIAL HISTORY of the administration of municipal and provincial police forces presents a chronology of the technology of policing, its relationship to the state and politics, the reform of law and the court system, and professionalization. Labour issues crop up in Marquis's treatment of strikes and police unionism, while labour organizations and radicalism get mention as well.

David R. Elliott, ed., *Aberhart: Outpourings & Replies* (Calgary: Historical Society of Alberta 1991).

THOSE WHO WANT TO acquaint themselves with the full range of Aberhartia, including his fundamentalist plays, can now consult this useful collection, which contains the following: "Hear me, brethren, Capital may be able through its mighty power to crush the Labourer. But

I would rather be the Labourer than the Capitalist when they stand before God."

Ramsay Cook, ed., *The Voyages of Jacques Cartier* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press 1993).

COOK'S EDITION of Cartier's *Voyages* is noteworthy in as much as it redirects attention to the ways in which Amerindian and European constructed their understandings of "the other," drawing attention to the ways in which identities of contrast are made and, in turn, remake self-identifications.

Louise Dechêne, *Habitants and Merchants in Seventeenth Century Montreal* (Montréal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 1992).

THE PUBLICATION of an English-translation edition of this award-winning study of the establishment of a colonial society on the island of Montréal is a welcomed event. Historians of early Canada have long relied on Dechêne's painstaking structural reconstruction of the demography, social structure, and economy of 17th-century Montréal.

Judith A. Norton, compiled, *New England Planters in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, 1759-1800* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press 1993).

THIS EXHAUSTIVE and useful bibliography gives all Maritime historians an essential point of departure in their researches into the economy and society of the 18th-century experience.

Terrence Murphy and Gerald Stortz, ed., *Creed and Culture: The Place of English-Speaking Catholics in Canadian Society, 1750-1930* (Montréal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 1993).

PERHAPS NO RELIGIOUS GROUP is as understudied as English-speaking Catholics. This collection of essays is heavily weighted toward the 19th-century experience, with only one article focused on the early 20th century, but it does open out into new interpretive possibilities. There is little of direct comment on trade unions or workers in the essays, but much can be discerned about Irish immigration.

Janice Potter-MacKinnon, *While the Women Only Wept: Loyalist Refugee Women in Eastern Ontario* (Montréal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 1993).

POTTER-MACKINNON READS the Loyalist experience in eastern Ontario against its tradition gendered grain to uncover the presence and subdued power of women.

Ira Berlin and Philip D. Morgan, ed., *Cultivation and Culture: Labor and the Shaping of Slave Life in the Americas* (Charlottesville and London: University Press of Virginia 1993).

A DISTINGUISHED COLLECTION of historians, economists, and anthropologists contribute to this impressive volume's account of the labours of slaves. Attentive to the complexities of place and time, the essays in this volume address the relationship of slave economy and society to particular agricultural regimes and African-American cultures.

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Thomas Dublin, ed., *Farm to Factory: Women's Letters, 1830-1860* (New York: Columbia University Press 1993).

FIRST ISSUED IN 1981, this reprint gathers together five sets of letters outlining the impact of early industrial capitalism on the first generation of young women factory workers. A new set of letters written by a Lowell, Massachusetts "mill girl" complements the previous edition.

Barbara Melosh, ed., *Gender and American History Since 1890* (New York: Routledge 1993).

THIS COLLECTION, composed largely of reprints of important journal articles, expands our understanding of the gendered meaning of work, labour protest, sexuality, welfare, and protest. Heavily influenced by the recent concern with representation and discourse, it provides a useful statement on gender and the languages of labour and politics.

Nelson Lichtenstein and Howell John Harris, eds., *Industrial Democracy in America: The Ambiguous Legacy* (New York: Cambridge University Press 1993).

ELEVEN ESSAYS address the place and meaning of industrial democracy and industrial relations in 20th-century American history. Law, wartime regulation, the so-called "team concept," and workplace contractualism are all explored, as are distinct thinkers and practitioners, such as John R. Commons. David Montgomery's discussion of the labour movement and industrial democracy in the 1870-1925 years is particularly noteworthy.

Herbert Hill and James E. Jones, Jr., eds., *Race in America: The Struggle for Equality* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press 1993).

IN THIS COLLECTION of essays on race and racism in the United States, the legal and labour dimensions of African-American experience are detailed in a number of articles.

Liana Vardi, *The Land and the Loom: Peasants and Profit in Northern France, 1680-1800* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press 1993).

AN EXCITING CHAPTER in the historiography of protoindustrialization, this study takes the peasantry out of confines of traditional Marxist and Annaliste concerns with the land and customary behaviour to chart new appreciations of the innovations and investment of landed labourers in weaving and trade.

Michael Newman, *Harold Laski: A Political Biography* (London: Macmillan 1993).

THIS NEW TREATMENT of a major socialist figure who tried to negotiate a rapprochement between Marxism and liberalism presents a sympathetic account of an influential figure in the politics of the English-speaking world.

Richard T. Griffiths, ed., *Socialist Parties and the Question of Europe in the 1950s* (Leiden: E.J. Brill 1993).

SEVENTEEN ESSAYS converge on the socialist and social democratic parties of the British Isles, France, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Austria, and the Scandinavian countries to explore the failure of socialist internationalism to affect the integration of Europe.

Tanya Basok, *Keeping Heads Above Water: Salvadorean Refugees in Costa Rica* (Montréal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 1993).

BASOK LOOKS at the refugee artisan entrepreneur and the aid directed to this stratum. Demonstrating that the enterprises founded by such refugees can survive if they can operate apart from competition with the capitalist sector, this study recasts our understanding of develop, aid, and independent commodity production.

E. Ann Kaplan and Michael Sprinker, eds., *The Althusserian Legacy* (London: Verso 1993).

THE COLLECTED PROCEEDINGS of a 1988 conference held at the State University of New York-Stony Brook, this volume commemorates the contribution of Althusser. It contains an interview with Derrida and two obituaries for the French Marxist philosopher.

Paul Fabra, *Capitalism Versus Anti-Capitalism: The Triumph of Ricardian over Marxist Political Economy* (New Brunswick and London: Transaction Publishers 1993).

THIS INNOVATIVELY idiosyncratic account of political economy asks how long a society can last if it privileges consumption over work.

Daniel S. Hamermesh, *Labor Demand* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 1993).

HAMERMESH SUMMARIZES and synthesizes an immense theoretical and empirical literature on labour demand, building a text that will prove useful as a standard reference.

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H. Gustav Klaus, ed., *Tramps, Workmates and Revolutionaries: Working-Class Stories of the 1920s* (London: Journeyman Press 1993).

THIS COLLECTION of British proletarian short stories of the 1920s includes 20 selections from authors, both well-known and obscure. The former include D.H. Lawrence and Katherine Mansfield; the latter early English Bolsheviks Dick Beech and Arthur Siffleet, and Lancashire socialists Teddy Ashton and Ethel Carnie. The editor provides a brief introduction and biographical notes on the authors.

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