

Editor's Foreword

Following the custom of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, this issue of its journal features a selection of papers from the 1997 annual meeting of its English section. Papers presented at the meeting at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, but not printed here for various reasons (either not offered to the editors, published elsewhere, declined after expert assessment, or because of space restrictions), are listed separately on page 7. The "Notes and Comments" section is new with this issue; it is designed to accommodate pieces of various kinds that do not quite fit the usual criteria for articles. This time it features a kind of "historical footnote" on the career of the first bishop of Quebec. In the future it might include such things as local reports on archives, editions of recently discovered documents, etc.

The editing of an academic journal requires, of course, the cooperation of quite a number of people who are willing to give of their energy and expertise in the aid of research and scholarship. We are pleased to acknowledge the assistance of all who assisted the editors this year. We are especially grateful to our authors for submitting their manuscripts, and for responding so graciously and promptly to the suggestions for revision coming from our assessors and the editors. Our anonymous assessors have earned the gratitude of both the editors and our authors for their critical and helpful comments on all the papers that we sent to them. We would also like to acknowledge the support and advice of our Editorial Board. As always, Mr. Gilles Lépine of Novalis was especially helpful with technical issues. Finally, both the journal and the association are most grateful to the Secretary General of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, Father Edward Jackman, O.P., for generous financial support and encouragement, and to Father Terence Fay, SJ, CCHA Treasurer, for the prompt and tactful way he facilitated relations with our publisher, Novalis Press.

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