

EDITOR'S NOTE

This spring we welcome the publication of the new general history of Atlantic Canada, under the title *The Atlantic Region to Confederation: A History*. This is the companion volume to *The Atlantic Provinces in Confederation*, which was published last year. Again, this volume is the work a team of scholars, which in this case includes 16 well-known authorities in the field. We congratulate the editors, P.A. Buckner and John G. Reid, on their success in organizing the project and seeing it through to completion. Both volumes are jointly published by Acadiensis Press and University of Toronto Press and are available to our subscribers at the usual discount through Acadiensis Press.

Two additional books are also appearing from Acadiensis Press this spring. The first of these is Daniel Samson, ed., *Contested Countryside: Rural History and Modern Society in Atlantic Canada, 1800 - 1950*. The latest volume in the Gorsebrook series on the political economy of the Atlantic Region, this book directs our attention to the experience of the rural majority and breaks new ground in the social, economic and cultural history of the region. The second book, edited by Janet Guildford and Suzanne Morton, is *Separate Spheres: Women's Worlds in the 19th-Century Maritimes*. This is the first-ever anthology of original studies of women's history in the Maritimes and, in challenging traditional stereotypes about Victorian womanhood, makes a major contribution to Canadian women's history.

This issue marks the end of the editor's current term of office. I am grateful for the continued enthusiasm of readers and subscribers. I am also grateful for the patience and cooperation of the many authors who have contributed to our pages over the years. I would also like to thank the necessarily unrecognized anonymous readers who have helped us assess and improve manuscripts for publication. Professor Gail Campbell takes charge of the journal for the next three years and I trust she will continue to receive the same support. Finally, I would like to thank the editorial board of the journal for giving me their confidence and particularly for their determined efforts to secure the financial support necessary for the hiring of a managing editor. We are all grateful to the individual subscribers who have contributed to the future stability of the journal by enrolling in the new subscription categories announced earlier this year.