

THE DAVID ALEXANDER PRIZE

The David Alexander Prize is awarded annually for the best essay on the history of Atlantic Canada written in course by a full-time undergraduate student in any university.

The winner of the prize for the year 1985 is Kent Bittermann, a student at the University College of Cape Breton. His essay "Economic Stratification in a Cape Breton Agricultural Community in the Nineteenth Century: A Production/Consumption Approach" was selected by a panel of judges including His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor George Stanley of New Brunswick, Professor Neil MacKinnon of St. Francis Xavier University and Professor Eric Sager of the University of Victoria.

The David Alexander Prize will be awarded for the fifth time in 1986.

Conditions: Entries must be undergraduate essays between 1500 and 3500 words in length on some aspect of the history of Atlantic Canada, written in English or French. They may be research, interpretive or historiographical efforts. The author must be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited university or college. The essay must have been written to meet the requirements of an undergraduate credit course during the 1985-86 academic year. Previous winners of the Prize may not compete.

Submission: Entries shall be submitted by course instructors no later than 8 May 1986. No instructor shall submit more than two entries. Essays must be typed neatly and should not bear the instructor's comments or a grade. Entries should be sent to The Secretary, *Acadiensis*, Department of History, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.

Adjudication: Entries will be judged by a panel of three distinguished historians. The winner will be announced in the autumn of 1986. No runners-up or honorary mentions will be designated.

Prize: \$250.00

REGIONAL HISTORY AWARD

The Canadian Historical Association each year presents awards to recognize meritorious recent publications or exceptional contributions by individuals or organizations in regional history. The Regional History Committee believes that these awards should serve to encourage local and regional historians by suggesting appropriate models for their work and drawing attention to work that would be of interest to readers beyond the immediate community. Under current guidelines, the committee recognizes the work of both professional and amateur historians. Awards are usually made for single published volumes. Periodicals may be nominated for specific issues or special anniversaries. Career awards will be for individuals whose work has spanned many years. The committee does not consider the work of organizations such as historical societies, or preservation and conservation work. In 1985 the following awards and citations were announced for Atlantic Canada:

Joseph R. Smallwood

For more than half a century 'Joey' has been an enthusiastic and dedicated historian. His contributions range from the early books on William Coaker and William Carson through to the monumental editorial projects, *The Books of Newfoundland* and the continuing *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*. No individual has had more influence on the appreciation and popularization of Newfoundland history.

David G. Bell, *Early Loyalist Saint John: The Origin of New Brunswick Politics, 1783-1786* (Fredericton: New Ireland Press, 1983).

This fine local study provides a careful, unromantic portrait of the Saint John Loyalists, from embarkation at New York in 1783 through the following three years. Highlighting the early struggles over land and liberties in Saint John, the author shows how the suppression of political dissent was a formative force in the beginnings of provincial society. A work of well-written scholarship, this is a book of academic merit and popular appeal which helps rescue the myth-ridden Loyalists from the enormous glorification of history.

Nominations and supporting documentation for the 1986 awards should be sent as soon as possible to: David Frank, Department of History, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.

CALENDAR

13-16 March 1986: The Struggle for Human Development in the North American Periphery. The annual meetings of the Atlantic Association of Sociologists and Anthropologists take place at Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. Sessions will consider human development issues in Atlantic Canada, the Caribbean and Central America. This is a joint conference with the Women in Development Network. Contact: AASA Organizing Committee, Department of Sociology, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. B0P 1X0.

19-21 June 1986: North American Material Culture Research: New Objectives, New Theories. This international conference, sponsored by Winterthur Museum and the Memorial University of Newfoundland, will meet in St. John's, Newfoundland. Participants will include leading material culture researchers from Canada and the United States. Contact: Gerald L. Pocius, Department of Folklore, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5S7.

8-15 August 1986: The New England-Maritime Connection. The summer programme of the Atlantic Canada Institute will be held this year at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. Proposed topics include material culture, art, architecture, settlement, outmigration, Acadian culture, education, economic patterns, language, literature, folklore. Contact: The Atlantic Canada Institute, 110 York Street, Mount Allison Campus, Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0. Telephone: 506-536-2040, Ext. 355.

25-27 September 1986: The Seventh Atlantic Canada Workshop. This workshop is an interdisciplinary meeting, organized by, but not restricted to, graduate students. The workshop will offer an opportunity for interdisciplinary exchange and the discussion of work-in-progress. Themes for the 1986 meetings in Fredericton, N.B. include rural life, industrialization, communications, and transition and change in Atlantic lifestyles. Deadline for programme proposals is 31 January 1986. Contact: Rosemarie Langhout and Rusty Bittermann, Department of History, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.

15-18 October 1986: Ethnicity, Oral Testimony, and the World of Work. A conference jointly sponsored by the Society for the Study of Ethnicity in Nova Scotia, the Canadian Oral History Association, and the Atlantic Oral History Association will take place at Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Contributors from all disciplines are welcome. Contact: John deRoche, Sociology Department, University College of Cape Breton, P.O. Box 5300, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6L2
