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### Book Reviewers Needed

Readers of *Material History Bulletin* may have noticed an increase in the number of book reviews in recent issues. An attempt is being made to provide our readers with critical appraisals of the growing number of publications relevant to material history. The editors are anxious to hear from persons who are interested in contributing to the book review section. Suggestions for books to review are also welcome. Please contact Geoff Rider, English-language Review Editor at the National Museum of Science and Technology, P.O. Box 9724, Ottawa Terminal, Ottawa K1G 5A3.

### Recherche de collaborateurs pour la rédaction des comptes rendus

Les lecteurs du *Bulletin d'histoire de la culture matérielle* ont peut-être remarqué le nombre accru de comptes rendus de livres publiés dans nos récents numéros. Nous tenons en effet à présenter des analyses critiques des publications de plus en plus nombreuses sur l'histoire de la culture matérielle. À cette fin, nous recherchons des collaborateurs. Nous accueillerons également avec plaisir les suggestions de livres à présenter. Les intéressés sont priés de communiquer avec J.-P. Hardy, responsable des comptes rendus en français, au Musée canadien des civilisations, C.P. 3100, succursale B, Hull (Québec) J8X 4H2.

### Atlantic Canada Newspaper Survey Is Now Online

The Advisory Board of the Atlantic Canada Newspaper Survey is pleased to announce that their data base has been released for general use by the public. This research tool, which indexes the contents of newspaper advertisements for goods and services appearing in principal East Coast newspapers before 1900, has been almost ten years in the making and is still under development. On a number of occasions progress reports from various project centres have appeared in the *Material History Bulletin*. The data base at present contains 30,000 documents with several thousand

further records researched. Participants in the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) or the Trillium Network are able to access ACNS by using the prompt command, "BEGIN, ACNS" after signing onto the networks. Other users are able to make arrangements by contacting the Canadian Heritage Information Network, Department of Communications, 12th Floor, Journal Towers South, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C8. A Users' Guide is also available from CHIN.

### T.B. King Papers at the National Archives of Canada

Persons interested in the history of glass or of the Canadian glass industry will be pleased to learn that the papers of T.B. King, former

Corporate Secretary of Domglas and a long-standing member of Glasfax, have been placed in the National Archives. Mr. King created an

extensive index to his papers which makes them readily accessible to researchers. The organization of the material also invites the contribution of additional information on a wide variety of glass-related topics. The King papers are currently being readied for public

use. Enquiries may be directed to Neil Forsyth, Manuscript Division, National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3.

## **American Studies Association / Canadian Association for American Studies**

The American Studies Association and the Canadian Association for American Studies are sponsoring an international convention to be held in Toronto on 2-5 November 1989. The associations are composed of persons having an interdisciplinary interest in American culture or civilization. The programme committee for the convention has selected as the theme of this year's meetings "Americas '89: Five Centuries of Endings and Beginnings." The call for papers mentioned a number of subject categories which may interest material historians, including "Transitions in Material Culture, the Visual Arts, and/or Architecture in the Americas," "Urbanism in a Trans-

National Context," and "Understanding the Handicapped over the Centuries." The deadline for proposals for this conference was 15 January 1989. More information on the conference itself, however, may be obtained from Professor John N. Ingham, Department of History, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A1, telephone (416)978-4054.

## **Atlantic Canada Workshop / Canadian Urban History Association**

The ninth Atlantic Canada Workshop has been announced for 28-30 September 1989 at the Gorsebrook Research Institute of St. Mary's University in Halifax. The themes for the workshop are "Women, Community, and Culture." While topics related to the experiences of women in Atlantic Canada will receive particular attention, other papers will deal with communities in transition and research methodologies. The workshop is an undertaking of the students of the region and acts as a forum in which individuals (professionals, students and general scholars) engaged in research may present their interim findings in an informal and interactive atmosphere. Although the proceedings are interdisciplinary, material culture specialists have been well represented at recent meetings. For further information please contact Laurie Alexander or Sharon Myers, Atlantic Canada Studies,

Gorsebrook Research Institute, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3.

The Canadian Urban History Association will be holding its annual fall meeting in conjunction with the Atlantic Canada Workshop. CUHA will meet on the 29-30 September 1989 and hold joint sessions with the workshop on 30 September. The theme of the CUHA papers is "Cities and Regions." Proposals for papers are still welcome for the CUHA sessions. Interested parties may write the General Editor of *Material History Bulletin* or Professor John Taylor, History Department, Carleton University, Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6.