

CALVIN HOLLETT is a PhD candidate at Memorial University and is presently studying nineteenth-century Newfoundland Methodism. He is variously a Newfoundland bookseller, book collector, high-school teacher, and Baptist pastor.

ROBIN McGRATH is a writer living in Beachy Cove. Her novel *Donovan's Station* has just been released (2004) as an MP3 CD by Rattling Books.

GEORGE MELNYK is a cultural historian who teaches Canadian Studies in the Faculty of Communication and Culture, University of Calgary. His most recent book on political issues is *Canada and the New American Empire: War and Anti-war* (forthcoming, University of Calgary Press, 2004).

W.F.H. NICOLAISEN retired in 1992 as a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English and Folklore from the State University of New York at Binghamton and is currently an Honorary Professor of English in the University of Aberdeen (Scotland).

JAMES OVERTON, a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Memorial University, writes on social and economic development and cultural issues.

Editor's Note

WHEN A JOURNAL gets behind in its publication schedule, as has happened to *Newfoundland Studies*, anomalies inevitably occur. Thus this edition is dated Fall 2002; but at least some of the content derives from events which occurred in 2003.

The first two papers, by Margaret Conrad and Jerry Bannister, were keynote addresses which formed part of the Newfoundland Historical Society's symposium on "The Idea of Newfoundland: Nationalism, Identity and Culture from the Nineteenth Century to the Present," which took place in March 2003. They are published here in lightly edited form. *Newfoundland Studies* hopes to publish the other, less formal presentations to that symposium in a future edition.

The publication of the Report of the Royal Commission on Renewing and Strengthening Our Place in Canada was another 2003 event, but it seemed appropriate to publish commentaries on the report, which appear here, without delay. I hope that such inconsistencies will soon be a thing of the past.

The Editorial Committee has approved the appointment of Iona Bulgin as Assistant Editor. Regrettably, Tom Nemeč and Valerie Legge have retired as review editors. Both served the journal well, and deserve sincere thanks. They have been replaced by Rainer Baehre and Don Nichol.

James K. Hiller