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## EDITORS' NOTES/

## NOTES DES DIRECTEURS

WITH THIS ISSUE we begin our second year of publication in our new format. In addition to the excellent articles by Ruth Bleasdale and Larry Peterson, we are pleased to publish two critical commentaries on the state of the art by David Bercuson and Gregory Kealey. Both authors hope that their essays will lead to further debate and we invite our readers to contribute to this ongoing discussion on the writing of working-class and labour history in Canada.

Sadly, David Bercuson has resigned from the editorial board of *Labour/Le Travailleur* owing to the pressures of other commitments. David was a valuable member of *L/LT's* board and his presence will be missed. The entire editorial structure of the journal has been rationalized as a result of discussions last year. We have dispensed with our Advisory Board and wish to thank its members who extended their support and advice to the journal in its early years. The editorial board itself also has been restructured. The editor will now serve a three-year term at the behest of the board. The board itself now consists of ten members, including a chairman (Irving Abella), and with the editor (Gregory Kealey) and the President of the Committee on Canadian Labour History (Ross McCormack) as *ex officio* members. In future the board will meet twice a year, once at the Learned's and once in the winter. Each member of the editorial board will also serve a three-year term. Present members will leave the board at the rate of two a year until the entire composition of the board has rotated. These changes are intended to insure a regular and systematic transition in the membership of the editorial board which we hope will prevent the journal from ever becoming stale. Finally I would also like to thank the following editorial board members whose terms have now ended: John Battye, Terry Copp, Ed Finn, and Edward Seymour.

AVEC CE NUMÉRO, nous amorçons la seconde année de publication de la revue sous sa nouvelle présentation. En plus des excellents articles de Ruth Bleasdale et Larry Peterson, nous sommes heureux de publier les commentaires critiques de David Bercuson et Gregory Kealey sur la situation de l'histoire ouvrière. Les deux auteurs espèrent que leurs essais susciteront des commentaires et nous invitons nos lecteurs à poursuivre dans nos pages ce débat sur l'histoire de la classe ouvrière au Canada.

Nous sommes désolé d'apprendre que David Bercuson a démissionné du comité de rédaction de la revue à cause d'autres obligations. David a accompli un travail remarquable à ce poste de sorte que son absence va nous peser. Résultat de décisions prises l'année dernière, nous avons modifié la structure rédactionnelle de la revue. Nous avons mis fin à l'existence du comité consultatif et nous remercions ses membres de l'appui et des conseils qu'ils nous ont prodigués pendant les premières années d'existence de la revue. Le comité de

rédaction a aussi été restructuré. Le directeur, responsable de son travail devant le comité, aura maintenant un mandat de trois ans. Le comité est composé actuellement de dix membres, y inclus à titre de membres ex officio, le président (Irving Abella), le directeur (Gregory Kealey) et le président du Comité d'histoire ouvrière canadienne (Ross McCormack). Dans l'avenir le comité se réunira deux fois l'an, à l'hiver et aux Sociétés savantes. Chaque membre du comité de rédaction siègera trois ans. Les membres actuels abandonneront leur poste, deux chaque année à tour de rôle, jusqu'à ce que la composition du comité soit entièrement renouvelée. Ce changement s'inscrit dans notre volonté de renouveler graduellement le comité de rédaction afin d'apporter du sang neuf à la revue. Enfin, j'aimerais remercier les membres du comité de rédaction qui nous quittent: John Battye, Terry Copp, Ed Finn et Edward Seymour.

Gregory S. Kealey

DES CRITIQUES SE SONT FAIT entendre à propos du peu d'articles publiés en français dans la revue. Le comité de rédaction est conscient de ce problème et se propose de prendre des mesures pour corriger cette situation. Si les articles en français sont peu nombreux, c'est que peu de manuscrits ont été soumis à la revue en cette langue et que le nombre de francophones travaillant en histoire des travailleurs est très faible comparativement au Canada anglais. Le caractère unilingue de certains aspects de la présentation de la revue n'a pas contribué non plus à la rendre attrayante au Canada français. C'est pourquoi nous veillerons dans l'avenir à ce que son caractère bilingue soit assuré et nous ferons un effort particulier pour solliciter des articles de chercheurs francophones. Comme les lecteurs s'en rendront compte, nos efforts devraient porter des fruits d'ici peu.

WE HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED recently for the lack of French language material in *L/IT*. The editorial committee is aware of this problem and is working to correct it. Over the past few years few French language articles have been submitted to *L/IT*, partially because there are fewer Francophones working on labour and working-class history. The unilingual character of certain features of *L/IT*'s make-up has not helped this situation. Thus, in future, the journal's editorial features will be bilingual and we will make a special effort to solicit articles from Francophones working in the field. If our readers respond, our efforts will be evident in these pages soon.

Jacques Rouillard

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