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BULLETIN D'INFORMATION *HSTC* NEWSLETTER

VITTORIO DE VECCHI
1941-1983

Historians of Canadian science lost one of their younger colleagues with the death, in June, of Vittorio De Vecchi, in Italy. Dr De Vecchi was a pioneer in the study of the historical connections between science and the Canadian government. His earlier studies were technical, but in the early 1970s he came to the Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto. His doctoral dissertation, 'Science and Government in Nineteenth Century Canada' (1978)was a seminal work which has led to a number of studies of this much-neglected area. He was particularly interested in Canadian government initiatives in agricultural research. Dr De Vecchi's interests in science and government led him to work at the University of Sussex after graduation. In recent years he was teaching at the University of Pavia. As part of the 1982 centennial of the first meeting of the British Association in Canada, De Vecchi persuaded the Royal Society of Canada to organize a conference at the British Association's meeting in York, England. He leaves his wife, Ann Hopper De Vecchi, and a son Thomas.

AECL HISTORY

The following notice has been sent to Deans of Arts and Sciences throughout Canada:

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the Federal Crown Corporation responsible for developing the peaceful applications of nuclear energy, wishes to commission a history of the corporation. It is expected that this will involve substantial research and that the product will be a book that is both academically acceptable by peer historians and interesting for the members of the general public.

I am writing to seek your advice on who might be suitable candidates for this undertaking. We are flexible on the nature of any contractual arrangments, and even on the qualifications to be required of the author. Although we are naturally thinking in terms of a professional historian, we currently feel that a demonstrated ability to write clearly on a technical subject would be the most important attribute.

We would be very pleased to have you make this information available to anyone you consider appropriate. Those interested in discussing the subject should contact me. To allow us to meet our target of reaching an agreement with a potential author by the end of the year, we would appreciate receiving by the end of October any suggestions you may be willing to offer.

Anyone interested in the project or who has someone in mind should contact: Mr Ron Veilleux, Corporate Vice-president, Public and Governmental Affairs, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., 275 Slater St., Ottawa K1A 0S4 (Telephone 613-237-3270; Telex 053-3126).

OMA CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

The Ontario Museum Association is launching its Annual Conference '83, in Kingston, Thursday, October 27, with the Meeting Place museum/gallery trade show continuing from 3.00 to 8.00 p.m. The exposition, to be held at the Holiday Inn, 1 Princess St., in the fifth floor ballroom, will bring together 40 exhibitors of supplies and services for museums, galleries and archives. CSTHA members, in Kingston at the Same time, are invited to attend.

Publishers of art, science, archaeology, history, Canadiana and museological titles, including ROM Publishing, Dundurn Press, General Publishers, Fitzhenry and Whiteside, and Ron Belanger Associates (representing Abbeyville Press, Natural Heritage Publishers, Firefly, etc.) will be present. Other exhibitors include Interactive Images Inc., with two-way video text displays, Klein and Sears consulting, Museum Programmes Collaborative, Display Arts, Bro-Dart Library Supplies, Loomis and Toles, W.J. Stewart and Carr MacLean (archival and storage suppliers).

This is a special opportunity to jot down prices, ask questions, handle the merchandise, place orders, make purchases, and meet consultants in an informal environment. A cash bar will be available. Door prizes include a traditional handwoven coverlet (value $600), a $50 selection of books (winner's choice) from the General Publishers' booth, and three copies of *Ghostships*, the story of the Hamilton-Scourge marine archaeology project.

DISSERTATIONS

University of Oxford:

C. David Naylor, 'Canadian Doctors and State Medical Care Insurance: Key Developments, 1911-1966' (1982)

CSTHA/AHSTC: ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Biennial General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Donald Gordon Centre of Queen's University at 3.45 p.m. on Saturday, 29 October 1983. Amongst the items for discussion will be: election of the Executive for 1984-85, budget for the same period, location of the Fourth Kingston Conference in 1985, the upcoming Maritime History conference to be co-sponsored by the Association, further cooperation with PRISMA and a scheme of publication of monographs in the history of Canadian science and technology. All participants at the Kingston Conference who are Association members are urged to attend.

THE THIRD KINGSTON CONFERENCE

The programme for the Third Kingston Conference on the history of Canadian science, technology and medicine is now finalized. For those who have not received the conference brochure, we provide here the basic information and schedule of events.

Accommodation and Meals: participants may elect to stay at the Donald Gordon Centre. A single room with shared facility and all meals is $67.20 a day, payable at the Centre. The Association banquet is included in the price. Those wishing to stay elsewhere may do so and buy meal tickets at the Centre should they desire to dine with the other conferees. There is a limited number of places and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. No deposit is required but a place should be reserved early. Overflow will be accommodated nearby at the same price, with meals at the Centre.

Pre-registration fees: members of the Association should pay $25.00, students $15.00, and non-members $35.00. The deadline for pre-registration is 30 September 1983. After that date, one must register in person and a $5.00 surcharge will be added in each category. Cheques, payable to CSTHA/AHSTC, along with advice on accommodation should be sent to Prof R.A. Jarrell, Secretary-Treasurer, c/o Dept. Natural Science, Atkinson College, York University, Downsview, Ont. M3J 2R7.

Programme

Friday/Vendredi   28 October/le 28 octobre

    Registration/Inscription
    Keynote address/conférence par Michael Bliss

Saturday/Samedi   29 October/le 29 octobre

    Session 1: Sources and Approaches in the History of Canadian Science and Technology/Des sources et des méthodes de l'histoire de la science et de la technologie au Canada

    Session 2: Science and Technology in 19th-Century Canada/ La science et la technologie au Canada dans le XIXe siècle

    Session 3: Industrial Archaeology in Canada/L'Archéologie industrielle au Canada

    Session 4: Social History of Technology/L'Histoire sociale de la technologie

    Session 5: Museums of Science and Technology/Les musées de la science et de la technologie

    Session 6: Research and Innovation Policy I/La politique de la recherche et de l'innovation I

Session 7: Technology of Primary Industries/La technologie des industries primaires

Session 8: Science in Modern Canada/La science au Canada moderne

Session 9: Women and Technology in Canada/Les femmes et la technologie au Canada

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Banquet

Sunday/Dimanche   30 October/le 30 octobre

Session 10: Technology in Modern Canada/La technologie au Canada moderne

Session 11: Medicine and Public Health in Canada/La médecine et la santé publique au Canada

Session 12: Research and Innovation Policy II/La politique de la recherche et de l'innovation II

Work-in-Progress Sessions/Travaux-en-cours

More than fifty papers in all will be read at the Conference. For a complete programme of speakers and titles, write to A.W. Tickner, Senior Archival Officer, National Research Council, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0R6.