

EDITORIAL

In this issue, we catch up with crucial aspects of *BC Studies* that were pushed aside to make space for the special double issue on Native Peoples and Colonialism: an enlarged version of Melva Dwyer's regular and enormously useful bibliography of British Columbia, and a spate of reviews. We also introduce a new type of bibliography. Web sites are increasingly indispensable conduits of information, and we are particularly pleased that David Mattison of the BC Archives has agreed to edit an intermittent feature introducing selected internet sources for the study of British Columbia.

A word about book reviews. *BC Studies* publishes a dozen or so articles per year. They provide a very lean analysis, skewed by the manuscripts we receive and the review process, of this sprawling, intricate province. Book reviews open a far larger window. They introduce a far wider range of writing than most of us can ever read and, in some cases, give an opportunity to measure our own appreciation of a new book against another informed opinion.

At *BC Studies* we take book reviews seriously. We do not review all new books on British Columbia, tending to concentrate on those toward the more scholarly end of the spectrum. On the other hand, we are more than prepared to review books that do not deal explicitly with the province, but bear indirectly on it. Not everything we would like to review is caught in our web. Some publishers are better than others at sending out review copies. For all our gentle persuasions, some reviews are never finished. But we work at the review process, and provide a number of different review formats. Alongside reviews of single books are essays on recent literature in the field, joint reviews, and short notes introducing books we might not otherwise include. In this issue, for example, Pat Roy reflects on a decade of writing on

British Columbians of Asian background; Bob Kubicek sets recent work on the fur trade within a British colonial framework, and Dianne Newell juxtaposes two recent Australian studies of Indigenous labour with a British Columbia counterpart.

We welcome your participation. Please tell us about important new books, especially those we are not likely to encounter. If you are interested in reviewing for us, let us know. Ideas for review essays are particularly welcome.

We note with real sadness the recent death of R.C (Bob) Harris, who in the last two and a half year has prepared a number of glimpses of the historical cartography of the province for this journal. Bob Harris, an engineer by profession, had an encyclopedic knowledge of the cartography of nineteenth-century British Columbia. He was a provincial resource of a special kind. At the time of his death, he was hard at work on a comprehensive carto-bibliography of British Columbia before 1870, an invaluable and well advanced undertaking that we hope others will be able to complete.

The editors