

Editors' Note

With the publication of this issue *BC Studies* completes its first decade. While it is seemly for editors to be diffident about their own product, it occurred to us that a tenth anniversary required some notice.

Many of the readers of *BC Studies* will remember the *B.C. Historical Quarterly*, published by the Provincial Archives under the congenial editorial direction of Willard Ireland. That journal suspended publication in 1958. During the years that followed, interest in the study of British Columbia grew. By the sixties it was clear that the gap left by the demise of the *B.C. Historical Quarterly* was too large to ignore and growing larger. Not only were there more students of British Columbia's history in need of a magazine to publish their research, but economists, political scientists, geographers and anthropologists were also concerned about the lack of a regional publication.

It was at this time that we decided to launch a journal that would both fill the gap left by the *Quarterly* and meet the needs of the other disciplines as well. We decided that the new journal should also be more than an outlet for purely academic articles; it should publish well-written material from any source that met the criteria of scholarly reporting. We determined then, and it remains our intention, that *BC Studies* should appeal to a wider readership than is assumed in the case of a purely academic journal. In that regard we find some satisfaction in the fact that many of British Columbia's high schools are among the magazine's most loyal subscribers.

Funding for a publishing venture is problematic, but with a float from the Koerner Foundation — and how many projects have that wise and worthy agency to thank for seed money — and support from the three universities the first issue was published in the spring of 1969. *BC Studies* is presently funded by the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Thirty-nine numbers have followed; together they demonstrate our conviction that there is a need for a journal of this kind and that there is a continuous supply of well-prepared and varied material for publication.

We have benefited from the generous co-operation of many people, including those who have commented extensively on manuscripts, reviewed books and submitted material for publication. All merit our gratitude; several should be mentioned. Frances Woodward of the UBC Special Collections Division has faithfully provided one of the most successful features of *BC Studies*, the Bibliography of British Columbia; Bernie Chisholm of UBC Press has supervised subscriptions, mailing and accounts with unselfish enthusiasm; David Greer ably sees to copy editing; and Morriss Printing continues to serve that honourable craft much better than most.

With the support of people like these we look forward to the next decade with as much excitement as we did in 1969.

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