The New Parks Canada Agency

A Note to our Readers

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Many members of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies are familiar with national historic sites and national parks in Canada and have supported Parks Canada's attempts over the years to communicate our country's heritage through the protection and operation of these places of national importance. Participants in the 1988 Colloquium will remember touring Prince of Wales' Fort at Churchill and their unforgettable visit to York Factory National Historic Site. In 1992 Colloquium sessions were held at St Andrew's-on-the-Red and at Lower Fort Garry, while the recent meetings in Whitehorse included visits to Kluane National Park and the S.S. Klondike, a restored sternwheeler from the days of the Yukon goldrush.

Many of these parks and sites are now

search, the government has sent out signals in recent months that it intends to privatize many of these functions. Revenue generation and the continuation of only those activities that create profits have become the new watchwords for parks and sites —soon to become "business units" in the terminology of the new agency. If you object to these

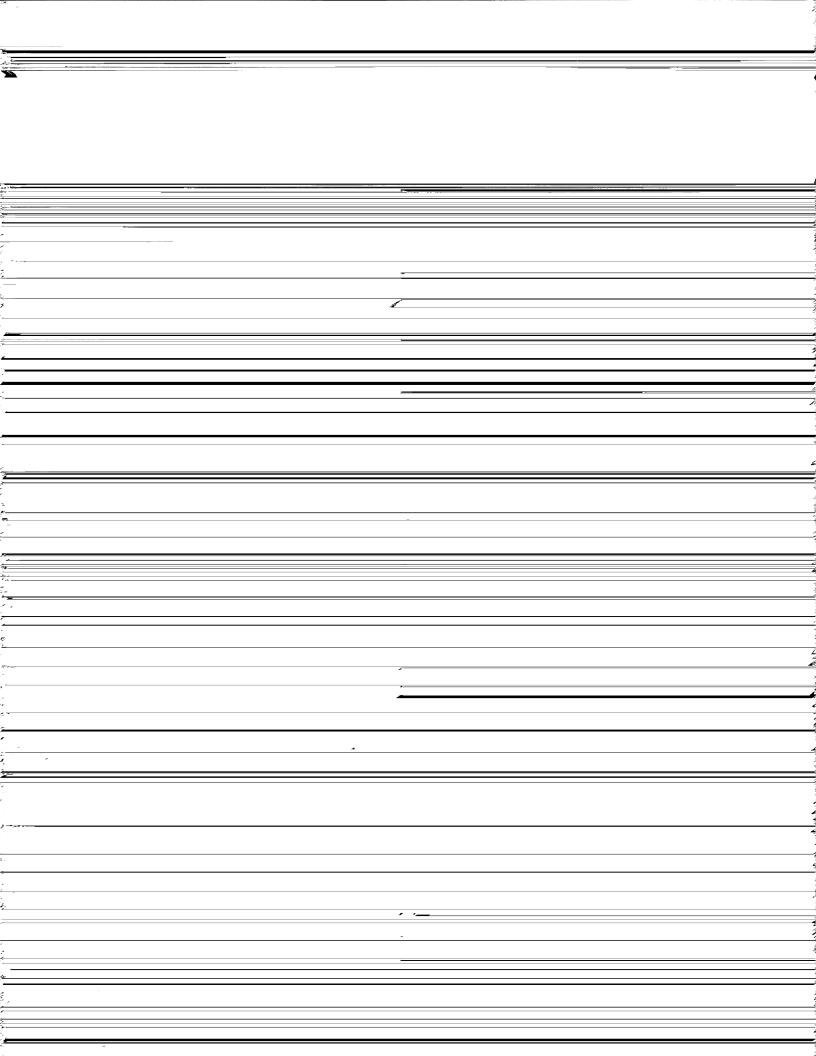plete the enclosed card and send to the Minister of Canadian Heritage. (Please note that Ms. Sheila Copps has re-

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