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This 'fall' Newsletter comes a bit late, as the Winnipeg snows settle in and look ready to stay another four or five months. It has been an especially hectic term, as the director made a transition from a half-sabbatical, the pleasures of an Oxford sabbatical, and some real research to a full teaching load and all the other busyness of that increase of academic life.

It is time, once again, to renew Rupert's Land memberships—an increasingly good value at the unchanged rate of 20 dollars per year (cheques made out to the University of Winnipeg, please). We do not mail out a separate bill because of costs and labour involved, but your 'paid-up' year appears on your mailing label. This time, we are also writing your membership expiry year on the upper right corner of this Newsletter. For example, if '02' appears, you are paid for 2002, but are asked to renew now for 2003; '03' signifies that you have paid for 2003. Your memberships are a major base of support. Donations are especially significant contributions to our work; they also remind our university that we serve a broad constituency across North America and that we are known and appreciated beyond the precincts of the University of Winnipeg.

We are pleased to announce that 26 papers presented at the Rupert's Land Colloquium held at Mansfield College, Oxford, last April, are now in print. The volume is available for \$25 (plus \$5 p/h); see enclosed order form. To distribute these papers individually at three dollars a copy, as we do for others, would cost buyers \$78 plus p/h; this inexpensive format makes them available more quickly and cheaply than any other method. Our warmest thanks to compiler, David Malaher, who did the same honour for the 2000 Colloquium Papers volume, a few copies of which are still available at \$20 (plus \$5 p/h). Note that these papers appear as submitted and proofread by the authors; an edited volume would require a great deal more time, labour, and expense. We welcome your comments on our format; please let us have your views and suggestions.

On October 17, CRLS Advisory Council member George Pulford and our treasurer, Wilson Brown, represented the Centre at the annual Heritage Awards Banquet of the Heritage Hjemkomst interpretive Center and the Red River Valley Heritage Society, in Moorhead, Minnesota. They attended to receive, for the Centre, a Red River Heritage Award in the category, Preservation of Heritage, notably for our work with Cree elder Louis Bird of Peawanuck on Hudson Bay, to help preserve and make available his unique collection of taped oral legends and stories gathered over the last 20 years. We were pleased and hon-





















