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From the editor

Some issues seem naturally to acquire a common theme between the various articles. By contrast, here the range of subjects is eclectic, literally all over the map, or perhaps I should say, chart. They are each solid pieces of work on interesting subjects. I hope this may offer something for everyone.

The lead article is by George Bolotenko. He is known to many CNRS members and has published here several times before. Now retired, his working career was as an archivist with what is now known as Library and Archives Canada. The second article continues Hugh Murphy's important study of British marine engine design and research.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome to these pages Joseph Wagner, author of a research note about Scottish colonising voyages of the seventeenth century. An American, he is currently a PhD candidate at the University of St. Andrews. His research interests include Scottish involvement in overseas expansion in the early modern period and the relationship between England and Scotland during the Union of the Crowns (1603-1707). Earlier this year he published an article "The Scottish East India Company of 1617: Patronage, Commercial Rivalry, and the Union of the Crowns" in the *Journal of British Studies*.

Once again this issue is the product of efforts by many people. My thanks to all of them.

Bill Glover
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