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## From the editor

It is a pleasure to present this issue to members; I do not recall a previous issue for which the referee reports have been so uniformly strong. I trust readers will find the articles interesting. It is also a pleasure to thank the various authors who were remarkably prompt in answer my various questions, and resolving concerns.

In reverse chronological order, the lead article by Peter Kikkert and Whitney Lackenbauer is about the wartime westbound transit of the RCMP vessel *St Roch* through the North West Passage. Consulting a wide range of primary and secondary sources with regard to maritime history and international law, the authors have tied together the details of international law, national strategy on sovereignty, and respect for historical precedent with the practical details of the voyage. Peter Kikkert is the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Arctic Policy at the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. Whitney Lackenbauer is Canada Research Chair in the Study of the Canadian North at Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Commodore Jan Drent is well known in this journal for both his articles and his book reviews. His first class research ably supports the argument that Esquimalt's importance was principally to enable Allied measures for the economic blockade of the Central Powers. This significant piece shows analytical insight rooted in deep knowledge of the field.

Finally, it is a pleasure to reprint Eileen Marcil's biographical study of James Goudie, shipbuilder at Quebec City. She first gave this as a paper at the 1984 CNRS conference in Kingston, Ontario. It was then printed in one of the society's earliest publication, *Canada's Atlantic Connection*, that offered a selection of papers from that gathering. She subsequently revised the work for the entry about Goudie in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*.

As always, this journal is a product of a team effort. It is a pleasure

to thank Faye and Walter for their on-going labours. Bruno continues to provide us with careful translations. Finally, I am also happy to acknowledge the assistance of Joan Boersma of the inter-library loan department at Red River College here in Winnipeg. Her efforts on my behalf have significantly enhanced my ability to review manuscripts.

Finally, members will be delighted to learn that I have in hand the articles for the next issue. We hope to have that to you in May.

Bill Glover  
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