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From the editor

This issue offers articles from disparate sources. The lead is a new piece of work by Harry Holman. He is also new to this journal. Trained as an archivist and lawyer he was the provincial archivist for Prince Edward Island for many years. He has written numerous articles on aspects of Prince Edward Island history for both academic and popular journals. As an independent researcher and writer he has lately specialized in topics relating to the marine history of the province, including a lengthy series of on-line postings concerning steamship services in the region. His article here is indeed a specialized topic about a specialized ship. It may also be the first serious look at what in fact was Canada's first icebreaker. It is a pleasure to welcome Dr Holman to these pages, and we look forward to his return here.

Our second article began as a conference paper for the Halifax conference in 2017. Myriam Alamkan est une historienne autodidacte. Elle a écrit plusieurs ouvrages dont « Vous irez porter le fer et la flamme » en 2015. Elle a consacré plusieurs conférences et articles au commerce de la morue en Guadeloupe dont « La tropicalisation de la consommation de la morue », « L'approvisionnement en morue de la Guadeloupe pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale » et « Une brise tropicale des îles : La French Colonial Supply Mission, la Mission des Colonies et la réorganisation de la Guadeloupe sur le commerce de la morue avec Terre Neuve et Saint-Pierre et Miquelon 1635-1946. » She first met us at our conference in Quebec City in 2008. Bienvenue à nos pages.

Finally, we are again reprinting a piece from the Kingston 1984 conference that was distributed in *Canada's Atlantic Connection*. Hence a third source for this issue's articles! The author, Ken Mackenzie, is of course well known in the society. A previous article by him won our Keith Matthews Award for the best article, and he was for many years editor of *Argonauta*. Despite the many variances in this issue, there are two coincidental, and therefore if I may, amusing, similarities.

Ken Mackenzie was for many years the corporate archivist for Canadian National Railways, and, like his provincial archivist author counterpart, his piece also examines an aspect of government subsidized steamer communications.

There is one final similarity amongst all our authors - they all live on islands: Prince Edward Island on the east coast, Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, and Salt Spring Island on the west coast.

As always, it is a pleasure for me to thank all the members of the team - Faye, Walter and Bruno - for their work, plus the many proofreaders pressed into service, referees and reviewers.

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