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#### From the editor

Over my two stints as the editor, I do not recall having had a line up for an issue that has been as "dynamic" as this one. I believe the only constant may have been the lead article. Nonetheless, I think the delay getting the issue to members will not be much more than a month later than my initial projected date. Perhaps more important, there will be no impact on the second issue of 2020, which I hope will get to the printer in September.

Hugh Murphy, author of the lead article, is an old friend of CNRS. He is now a professor in the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow and a visiting reader at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. He has published widely on the history of twentieth-century British shipbuilding. His article here about British research organizations for large marine engines is the first of a three-part series, which will continue in subsequent issues. It is also in my experience the first time an author has availed themselves of the opportunity to publish a several-part article.

Harry Holman, former provincial archivist of Prince Edward Island, was introduced to readers in the last issue. The unusual circumstances of this issue lie behind his returning to these pages in less than twelve months. Given the past paucity of material about Prince Edward Island, perhaps I can be forgiven advancing his article now. It is well known that a rail connection to British Columbia was a condition of that province joining Confederation. It is probably less well known that Prince Edward Island similarly wanted regular communication to the mainland. A pre-confederation attempt to provide just that service is his subject here.

Finally we have a research note by Benjamin Ioset about a schooner lost in Lake Ontario. He is currently beginning his fourth year of PhD studies in the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University. Although he is just beginning his career, he has already been involved with marine archeological field work in five different countries. With our other two authors, he shares a background of focussed interest in his field.

It is again my pleasure to thank those who have helped put this issue together. Walter Lewis has borne the brunt of rapid changes. Faye Kert rallied to the call of putting together yet another book review section to meet the original date quite soon after the previous issue. Bruno LeGal provided an abstract translation at very short notice. Thank you also to the authors who, despite covid restrictions and the inability to visit archives, nonetheless produced revised articles.

Bill Glover July 2020