

archival literature in the PAC Library provided the basis for many hours of profitable reading.

There must be something about intellectual effort within a pleasant social context that engenders an aura of warm memories after the effort is finished. Few can recall their university days without several sharp pangs of nostalgia. In the same way the PAC Archives Course manages to weave its own kind of special memories. As September 1981 slips into history, it is doubtful that many archives course participants will easily recall the never-ending Ottawa rain, or the last minute rush to finish their papers. But who could forget those nights at the Beacon Arms, or the wind-up party at The Place Next Door?

The PAC Archives Course does more than simply provide a sound grounding in archival practice. It also serves as an important link within the profession between its more recent recruits and its honoured and established members. From any such perspective, the 1981 course was a great success.

Charles R. Maier
Yukon Archives

Canadian Historical Association Conference, 1983

The 1983 Canadian Historical Association Conference will be held in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia. The Programme Committee invites proposals for papers and sessions from members, other historians, and members of related professions. Three theme areas have been selected for special emphasis at the conference: the history of the family, Canadian historical geography, and early modern European social history. In addition joint sessions with the Canadian Political Science Association and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine are being planned. As usual the conference will also present papers in Canadian, American, European, Asian, African and other historical fields. Those wishing to place proposals before the committee are asked to write the chairman or the appropriate co-ordinator. The committee consists of: Peter Ward (History—UBC), chairman; Robin Fisher (History—SFU); Yvan Lamond (Centre d'Études canadiennes françaises—McGill), co-ordinator for Francophone historians; Douglas Owrarn (History—Alberta), co-ordinator for proposals from CHA member sub-groups; Joy Parr (History—Queen's), co-ordinator for family history; Allan Smith (History—UBC); Donald Sutherland (History—Brock), co-ordinator for European social history, and John Warkentin (Geography—York), co-ordinator for Canadian historical geography. Deadline for submissions is 15 September 1982.