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From the Editor

It is a pleasure to welcome Michael Hadley back to these pages as the author of an article. He has of course been a stalwart book reviewer for many years. He will also be known to CNRS members as the second winner of the Keith Matthews best book award for *U-Boats Against Canada*, a subsequent winner (with Roger Sarty) for *Tin Pots and Pirate Ships*, and also the recipient on an honourable mention for *Count Not the Dead*. His contribution here heralds a new type of article for the journal and our societies' members.

Both our societies hold an annual conference - "somewhere." Given the size of our countries, by reason of distance many members cannot attend the conference in any given year. Frequently papers given at the conference will be submitted for the referee process, and later appear as an article. But the conference programs may identify a keynote address by a distinguished historian. These may be reflective piece, or argue a theme that does not always lend itself to peer review. But as the work of a senior historian, they should not be set aside. Therefore I am pleased to announce that as an editorial policy the journal will publish a keynote address, (should it be offered to us), given by a distinguished historian, as identified in our conference programs. This is a small way in which the stimulating ideas of a conference can be brought to those who were unable to attend. The lead article in this issue would have been just such a piece for the 2016 CNRS conference, except that events precluded Michael being able to attend.

The second article highlights an ongoing problem for the journal, namely getting it out on a regular schedule. Without a backlog of articles waiting to be published, each issue must wait on authors for completing revisions and submitting the final article. This issue has been held up by just that sort of author delay - in this instance, mine. A couple of thought provoking observations from a peer reviewer led me to make some significant revisions that took longer than I had anticipated. I am afraid that knocked a hole in a tight time line that was balanced between trips, the schedules of others, and fitting it into the printer's production calendar.

Finally, as previously promised, we are reprinting Chris Madsen's article that had suffered from some repetition being inserted between the copy edit and layout stages.

It is again pleasure to thank all those who have volunteered their contributions and work to the journal, as authors, reviewers, referees, proof readers, and for all the other necessary tasks.

William Glover
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