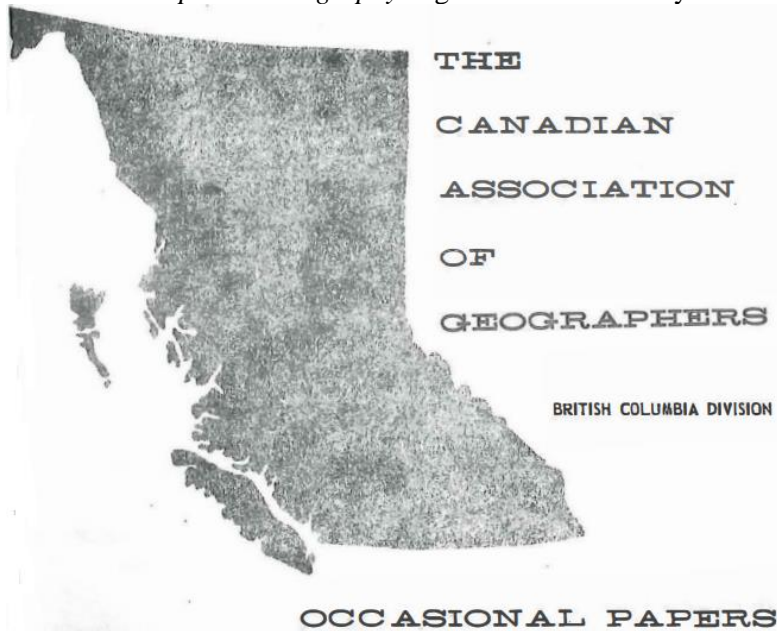


Editorial: The Illustrious pedigree and importance of *Western Geography*.

Western Geography is the open access academic scholarly journal of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (WDCAG). This editorial argues that although times have changed and some question *Western Geography* continuing in the 2020s, this editor and others, contend *Western Geography* should press on. *Western Geography* has an esteemed pedigree of publishing and is important to faculty, students, the public and western geography.

Western Geography was formally created in 1990 when Michael Edgell, then Chair of the University of Victoria (UVic) Geography department, wanted to establish a ‘high impact’ journal specific to the Pacific Northwest. *Western Geography*’s predecessors were the *Occasional Papers in Geography* published by the British Columbia (BC) Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) and *BC Geographical Series*. This editorial will not cover the entire history of these three publications but will briefly summarize them to highlight their long-standing lineage.

Occasional Papers in Geography began in 1960 edited by Walter G. Harwick; see below:



OCCASIONAL PAPERS IN GEOGRAPHY, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4

Published in Vancouver, Canada
for the
Canadian Association of Geographers,
British Columbia Division
at the
Department of Geography,
The University of British Columbia,
Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

1st Printing - Number 1 - 1960
Number 2 - 1961
Number 3 - 1962
Number 4 - 1963

2nd Printing - Number 1-4 - 1965

Walter G. Harwick
Editor Vancouver
April, 1965

Harwick wrote that in six years the BC Division of CAG had developed into one of the major regional associations of geography.

As far as this editor is aware, *Occasional Papers in Geography* has not been digitized but is available in many university libraries with outstanding content specific to Pacific northwest geography as shown by the example Tables of Contents below:

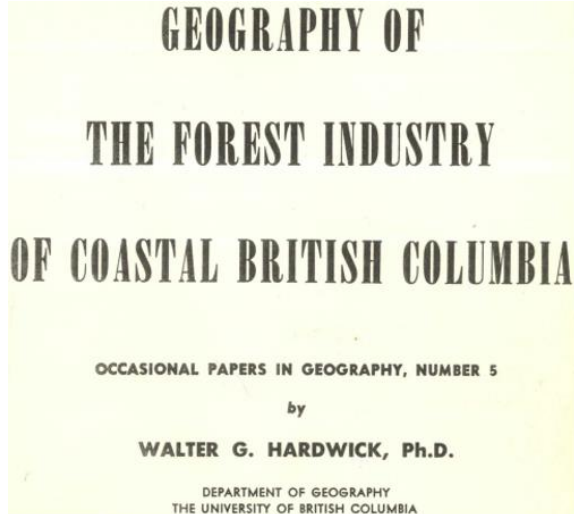
OCCASIONAL PAPERS IN GEOGRAPHY #1 (May, 1960)

- W. L. Garrison, "Notes on the Simulation of Urban Growth and Development"
- A. D. Crerar, "Urban-Sprawl: The causes"
- G. D. Taylor, "Some Considerations in General Park Planning"
- M. C. M. Matheson, "The Selection of Recreational Land"
- G. A. Wood, "Some Geographical Aspects of Park Planning"
- J. D. Chapman, "The Geography of Energy--an Emerging Field"

OCCASIONAL PAPERS IN GEOGRAPHY #2 (June, 1961)

- W. G. Hardwick, "Changing Logging and Sawmill Sites in Coastal British Columbia"
- R. North, "Changing Location of Services in Gibsons, B.C."
- G. R. Taylor, "Some Thoughts on the Geography of Wilderness"
- N. V. Scarfe, "Sequent Development of Increasingly Difficult Concepts through the High School"
- J. Wallis, "Preliminary Report on Precipitation of the Fraser River Basin"
- A. L. Farley, "Thoughts on the Historical Cartography of British Columbia"

Around 1963/1964 *BC Geographical Series* began and its numbering system sometimes overlapped with the *Occasional Papers in Geography*, see below:



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B.C. GEOGRAPHICAL SERIES

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- #1 A GEOGRAPHY OF THE FOREST INDUSTRY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA -- W. G. Hardwick, 1964
- #2 PORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA: DEVELOPMENT AND TRADING PATTERNS -- D. E. Kerfoot, 1966
- #3 GEOGRAPHICAL DIALOGUE: UNIVERSITY VIEWPOINTS FOR TEACHERS -- W.G. Hardwick & George Tomkins, editors, 1966
- #4 RESIDENTIAL LOCATION AND THE PLACE OF WORK -- John R. Wolforth, 1965
- #5 WORLD RESOURCE PRODUCTION: 50 YEARS OF CHANGE -- Harry V. Warren and E. F. Wilks, 1966
- #6 SPECIALTY-RETAILING: A GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS -- Roger Leigh, 1966
- #7 THE GEOGRAPHER AND THE PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT, Occasional Papers, B. C. Division, C.A.G. -- Julian V. Minghi and Edward C. Higbee, editors, 1966
- #8 GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE: A NORTHWEST VIEWPOINT, Occasional Papers, B. C. Division, C.A.G. -- George Tomkins, editor, 1967
- #9 LOWER FRASER VALLEY: THE EVOLUTION OF A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE -- Alfred Siemens, editor, 1968
- #10 SPATIAL DYNAMICS OF GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS -- R. J. Claus, 1969
- #11 AMENITY AGRICULTURE -- Robert M. Irving, 1970
- #12 CONTEMPORARY GEOGRAPHY: WESTERN VIEWPOINTS, Western Division, C.A.G. -- Roger Leigh, editor, 1971

There has been exceptional regional geographic content throughout the years but only some examples are presented in this editorial as shown in the following pages.

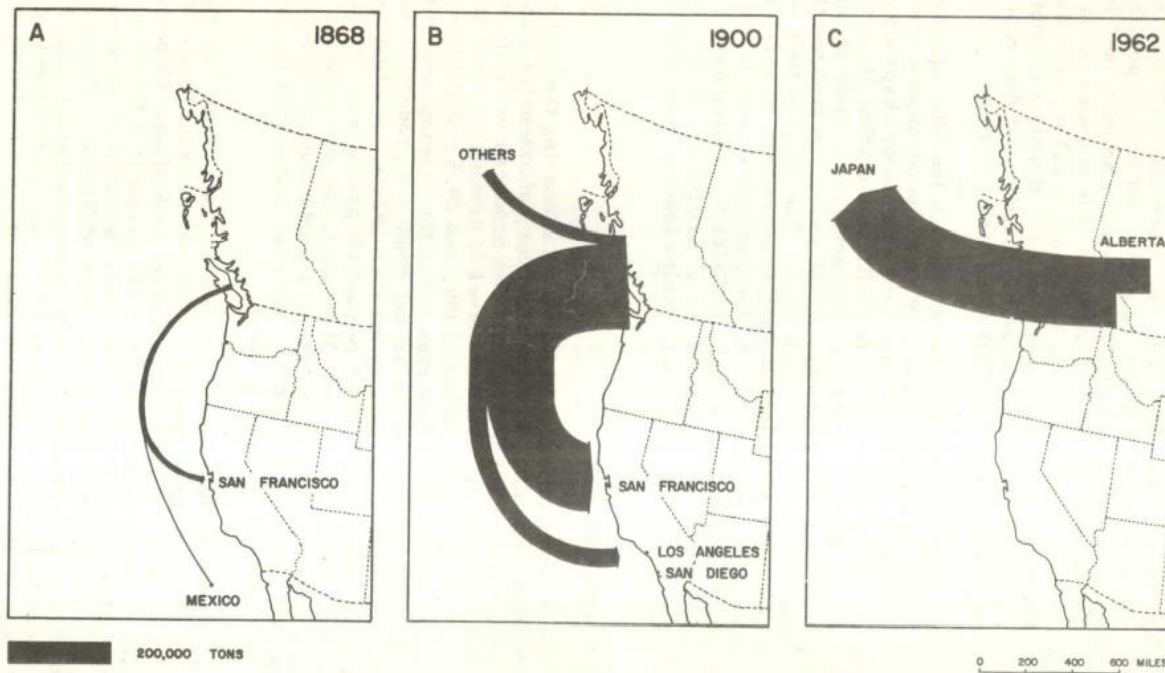
**PORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:
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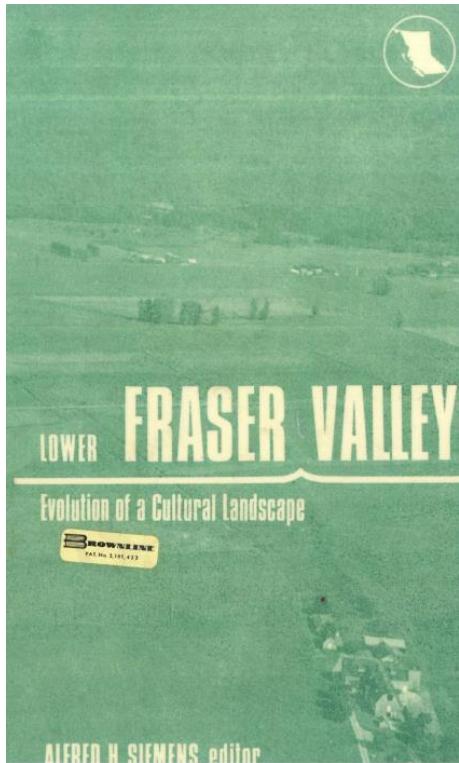
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COAL EXPORTS FROM THE PORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA 1868, 1900 AND 1962



BC Geographical Series No.2, 1966



I	Prehistory of the Lower Mainland Charles E. Borden
II	The Process of Settlement in the Lower Fraser Valley -- in its Provincial Context Alfred H. Siemens
III	The Changing Role of Railways in the Lower Fraser Valley, 1885-1965 Patricia E. Roy.
IV	The Evolution of Roads in the Lower Fraser Valley Ronald H. Meyer.
V	The Climatic Factor -- Variations on a Mean J. K. Stager and J. H. Wallis .
VI	Agricultural Development in the Lower Fraser Valley George R. Winter
VII	The Dutch and Dairying E. Margaret Ginn
VIII	The Urbanization of the Fraser Valley G. I. Howell Jones
IX	Problems and Progress in Rationalizing the Use of the Resources of the Lower Fraser Valley V. J. Parker



PEOPLES OF THE LIVING LAND

Geography of Cultural Diversity in British Columbia

*BC Geographical Series No.15,
1972*

I.D. Anderson, M.A., Simon Fraser University; Ph.D. candidate in Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

Allen R. Astles, M.A., Simon Fraser University; Instructor of Geography, University of Victoria, B.C.

George Cho, M.A., University of British Columbia; Assistant Lecturer in Geography, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

James Cromwell, M.A., Simon Fraser University; Lecturer in Geography, Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C.

L.J. Evenden, Ph.D., Edinburgh University; Associate Professor of Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

Donald Gale, B.A., (Hons.), Simon Fraser University; M.A. Student in Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

K.F. Grant, M.A., University of British Columbia.

Paul M. Koroscil, Ph.D., University of Michigan; Assistant Professor of Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

Roger Leigh, Ph.D., University of London; Assistant Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Ann McAfee, M.A., University of British Columbia; Ph.D. candidate in the Urban Studies Programme, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

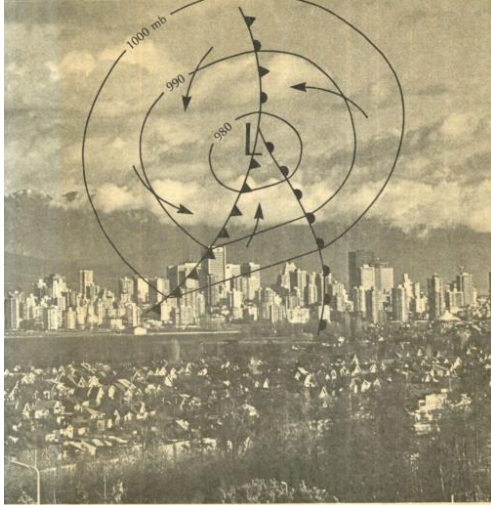
Julian V. Minghi, Ph.D., University of Washington; Associate Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Dennis Runley, M.A., Newcastle University; Ph.D. candidate in Geography and Canada Council Fellow, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Kemial Singh Sandhu, Ph.D., University of London; Associate Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Paul Y. Villeneuve, Ph.D., University of Washington; Assistant Professor of Geography, Université Laval, Quebec City, Quebec.

Philip L. Wagner, Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley; Professor of Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.



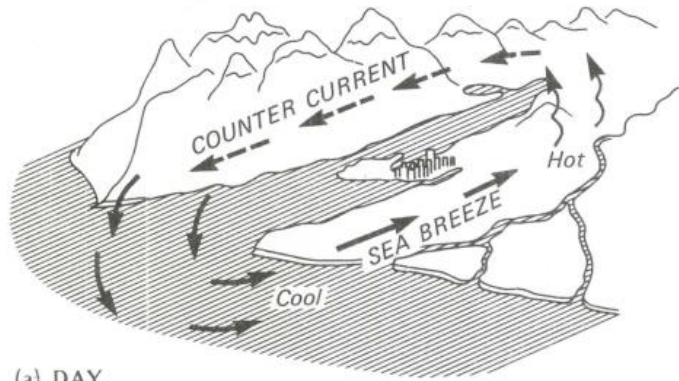
The Climate of Vancouver

John E. Hay & Timothy R. Oke

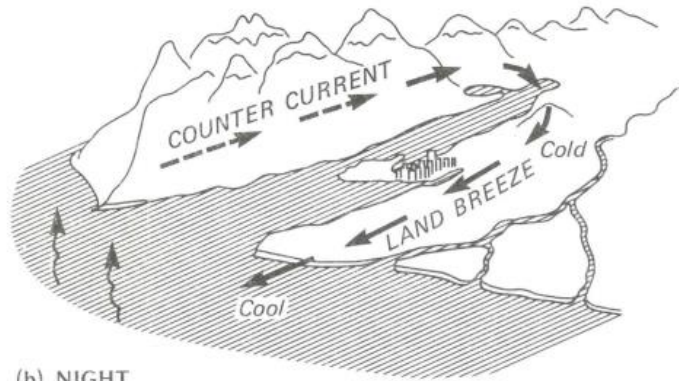


BC Geographical Series No.23, 1976
with superb figures and graphics.

A : LAND / SEA BREEZE



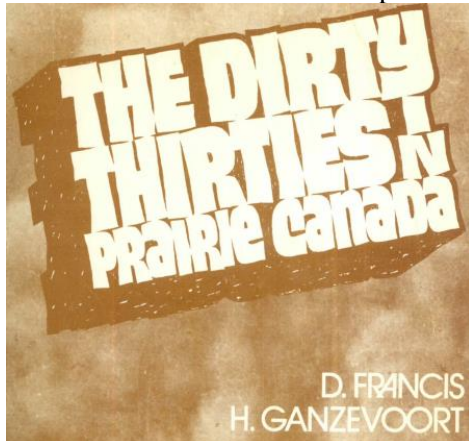
(a) DAY



(b) NIGHT

Figure 17a. Schematic diagram of wind flows over Vancouver. Land/Sea Breeze.

Prior to *Prairie Perspectives*, the open-access peer-reviewed publication of the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers that began in 1998, *BC Geographical Series* No.26, 1980 published at least two issues on Canadian prairies themes as shown below:

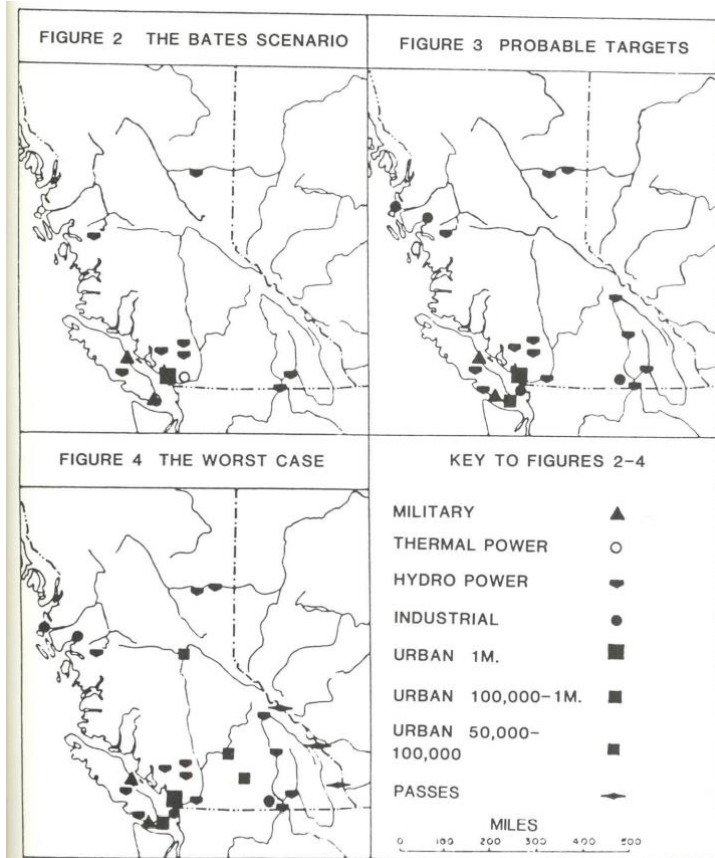
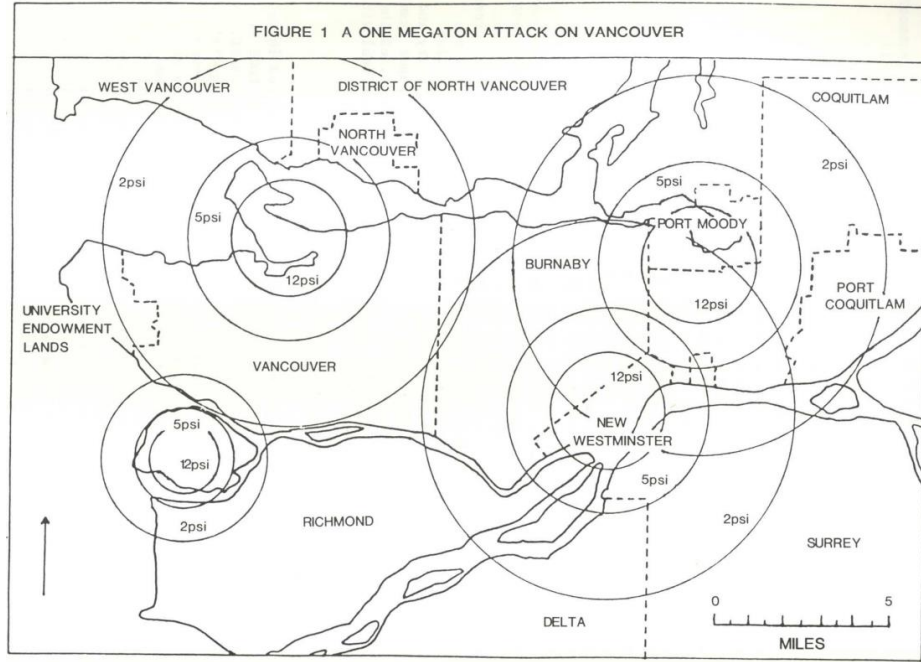


BC Geographical Series No.26, 1980

Among the contributors was Tommy C. Douglas; see below.

David Elliott	Calgary, Alberta
Victor Howard	Department of English Michigan State University
David McGinnis	Department of History University of Calgary
Michiel Horn	Department of History Glendon College, York University
Dick Harrison	Department of English University of Alberta
David Jones	Department of Educational Foundations University of Calgary
Patricia Bovey	Assistant Curator Winnipeg Art Gallery
Keith Clifford	Department of Religious Studies University of British Columbia
Tim and Patricia Rogers	Department of Psychology University of Calgary
T. C. Douglas	Member of Parliament, Ottawa

During the 1980s and just before the 100,000 person 'Peace' rally in Vancouver against nuclear weapons in 1986, Simon Dalby at the time at SFU (and later at Carleton and Wilfrid Laurier Universities, published the impactful 'British Columbia in a Nuclear War' in *BC Geographical Series No.41, 1985*.



BC Geographical Series No.41, 1985

The final issue or volume of *Occasional Papers in Geography* and *BC Geographical Series* was in 1988 as shown below.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS IN GEOGRAPHY:
CASTLEGAR
1988

B.C. GEOGRAPHICAL SERIES, NUMBER 46

Edited by
MICHAEL C.R. EDGELL
Department of Geography
University of Victoria

To read more regarding *Occasional Papers in Geography* and *BC Geographical Series* and their numbering, Leonard J. Evenden, Emeritus professor from Simon Fraser University (SFU) Geography discusses these in [Three decades of publishing: A guide to the annual publications of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers](#) in *Western Geography* 8/9, 1998/1999 and summarized at <https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/research-assistance/subject/geography/western-div-geographers>

In 1990 Michael Edgell, Emeritus professor and former Chair of UVic Geography established *Western Geography*. See also the above-mentioned article by Evenden and Michael Edgell's perspective in 'Geography at the University of Victoria' in [*Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers* 52\(1\)](#).

WESTERN GEOGRAPHY

Volume 1, Number 1, Spring 1990

B.C. GEOGRAPHICAL SERIES, NUMBER 47



WESTERN GEOGRAPHY (formerly OCCASIONAL PAPERS)

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	Ian Hutchinson <i>Simon Fraser University</i>	O.F. George Sitwell <i>University of Alberta</i>
	Edgar L. Jackson <i>University of Alberta</i>	Colin J.B. Wood <i>University of Victoria</i>

The first three volumes of *Western Geography* were published in paper/print only and are available in some university libraries. *Western Geography* also broadened its scope of contents accepting articles that addressed issues outside the Pacific northwest but most of its contributors were based in the Pacific northwest.

As an example, see volume 3 Table of Contents below.

WESTERN GEOGRAPHY

Vol. 3, 1993

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The Migration of Filipina Caregivers to Canada: A Case Study for Contemporary Migration Theory <i>J. Mikita</i>	1
Networks of Power: Cartography as Ideology <i>K.G. Brealey</i>	15
Social Change and Crime in Hong Kong: A Spatial Analysis <i>D. Lee</i>	51
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Western Geography Vol.3, 1993

It is also important to note the journal publishing context and scene in the late 1980s and early 1990s. There were approximately only 16 academic journals in human and physical geography in Canada in 1987. (Worldwide, there were roughly 325 human and physical geography journals.) Today in 2023, there are approximately 51 academic journals in human and physical geography in Canada and more than 1000 worldwide. (data from *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory*, 2023)

In other words, academics and other writers have much more choices of where to publish than in the 1990s. However, *Western Geography* is proudly an open access (double blind refereed) journal that allows anyone, or any institution, to access and read its contents. In these days of ever escalating journal subscription fees by large journal publishers, open access academic scholarly publishing is more important than ever.

Western Geography moved to a partial electronic on-line format in 1994 and fully on-line in 1995.

See <https://wdcag.geog.uvic.ca/publications.htm#P20>

1994 was the last year of Michael Edgell as Editor of *Western Geography*.

In 1995 *Western Geography* had a new Editor with Jim Windsor from the College of New Caledonia in Prince George until volume 17 in 2007 and was at that time fully on-line. Other *Western Geography* Editors were Neil Hanlon, UNBC, 2007-2009; Damian Collins, (University of Alberta) and Darryl Carlyle-Moses, (Thompson Rivers University), 2011 to 2013; Craig Coburn, (University of Lethbridge), Tom Waldichuk, (Thompson Rivers University), Pamela Shaw, (Vancouver Island University) 2014-2015; Craig Coburn, (ULeth), Tom Waldichuk, (TRU) 2016; and Craig Coburn, (ULeth), along with Joanne Moyer, (King's University) from 2017-2022.

For a list of *Western Geography* editors and editorial board members over the years, see <https://wdcag.geog.uvic.ca/publications.htm#P20>

Michael Edgell also envisioned a venue for 'student' writing in 1990 when *Western Geography's* editorial policy specifically stated 'Submission from graduate students are particularly encouraged' and *Western Geography* continues this policy to this day.

The highest cited *Western Geography* paper was written by a student from at the time, Cariboo College, (now Thompson Rivers University-TRU) under emeritus professor Gilles Viaud:

Petherick, N. (2000). Environmental design and fear: The prospect-refuge model and the university college of the Cariboo campus. *Western Geography* 10(11) 89-112.

(The second highest cited paper is:

Edgington, D.W., & Hutton, T.A. (2000). Multiculturalism and local government in Vancouver. *Western Geography* 10(11), 1-29.

The highest cited physical geography paper is:

Laroque, C.P., Lewis, D.H., & Smith, D.J. (2000). Treeline dynamics on southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia. *Western Geography* 10(11), 43-63.)

After discussion with former *Western Geography* editors, and current researchers, scholars, and teaching professors in 2022-2023, *Western Geography* will also welcome papers from Honours students and winning students' papers and posters from the annual WDCAG conference meetings. This volume includes the winning Masters poster by Rabecca Thiessen (along with Philip Bonnaventure and Caitlin Lapalme) and the winning undergraduate poster by Kathleen Moore (with Crystal Huscroft).

Western Geography fills a niche in the academic publishing world with its focus on the geography of western North American with such informative articles as

Smith, D. (1997). Those magnificent men and their flying machines: Aerial reconnaissance in the Alberta Rocky Mountains during the 1920s. *Western Geography* 7, 73-96 <http://www.geog.uvic.ca/wcag/smith.pdf>

Where else would this be published?

Thus, let us all participate by contributing to the academic open access double blind peer refereed journal *Western Geography* in the years to come following the continuum that began with *Occasional Papers in Geography* and *BC Geographical Series*. Over the years contributors predominately were geographers but also included historians, politicians, and archivists. Some contributors were as aforementioned but were working outside of universities and colleges. Open access academic scholarly publishing and Pacific northwest geography all remain essential, important and relevant in the 2020s.

Sincere thanks to all previous authors, editors and referees and to authors, referees and guest referees of this current volume.

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