

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NOUVELLES PARUTIONS

Pierre Vennat, *Les « Poilus » québécois de 1914-1918.*

Les Éditions du Méridien annoncent la parution du premier ouvrage de deux du journaliste Pierre Vennat portant sur l'histoire militaire. Cette fois-ci, Pierre Vennat relate les faits d'armes des soldats canadiens-français durant la Première Guerre mondiale.

La majorité des historiens canadiens du XX^e siècle ont fait peu de place à la participation du Canada français dans la Première Guerre mondiale. Or, comme le démontre Pierre Vennat, les Canadiens français ne s'enrolèrent pas uniquement dans le 22^e régiment, mais prirent une part active dans cette guerre. Il les identifie d'ailleurs aux combattants français, les « poilus ». « Si les dirigeants militaires anglophones de l'époque avaient mieux compris les aspirations des francophones, la participation des nôtres à ce premier conflit d'envergure mondiale aurait encore été plus considérable », écrit l'auteur. Pierre Vennat fait œuvre de pionnier avec cette nouvelle fresque d'histoire militaire.

Peter Gossage, *Families in Transition: Industry and Population in Nineteenth-Century Saint-Hyacinthe* (McGill-Queen's, 1999).

Economic and social conditions in Saint-Hyacinthe changed dramatically in the later nineteenth century with the arrival of the railway and the emergence of manufacturing industry. In *Families in Transition* Peter Gossage shows how the rise of industrial capitalism transformed the lives of the town's French-speaking, Catholic families.

Families in Transition demonstrates the extent to which stereotypes about family life in Quebec before the Quiet Revolution need to be revisited. Far from being passive, static, uniformly prolific, and constrained by religious and cultural perspectives, Saint-Hyacinthe families responded quickly to the changing realities of the day, reinventing marriage patterns and domestic arrangements to fit the new industrial capitalism of the nineteenth century. In this sense they were truly families in transition.

Barry M. Gough, *Historical Dictionary of Canada* (Scarecrow Press 1999).

In the initial historical overview found in the dictionary's introduction, Gough highlights Canada's geography, culture, and history from colonization to NAFTA. Military history is an important aspect of this account, as is the history of the Aboriginal peoples including India, Métis, and, Inuit tribes and nations. Gough also includes the defined stages of Canada's self-perception, the four continuities of Canadian history, including its imperial connections, Canada's leadership in the commonwealth, two founding European peoples, federal-provincial relations, and the United States as Canada's neighbor. Gough's Canada is on the brink of a historical event as it comes to grips with its internal struggle between the French speaking people of Quebec and the rest of the country.

This dictionary is a handy reference to students of Canadian studies, Canadian history, Canadian government, and colonization studies. Includes a bibliography, maps, and appendixes of Canadian government leaders.

