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NOTE LIMINAIRE

*L*es Cahiers de géographie de Québec sont heureux de publier dans ce numéro une étude originale et tout à fait neuve dans la province de Québec. Bien que se situant un peu en marge de la géographie, cette étude présente une série de documents qui pourront servir de base à des études de géographie électorale du Québec. Pour ces raisons, nous avons accepté de publier cet article qui s'écarte un peu du style habituel de notre revue.

Il faut d'ailleurs signaler que ces documents graphiques et cartographiques, accompagnés d'un autre texte, ont fait la matière d'une thèse de maîtrise en géographie présentée récemment par monsieur Jacques Letarte à l'Institut de géographie de l'université Laval.

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