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EDITORIAL

HAIL AND FAREWELL!

When the late Dr Clarence Augustus Chant finally retired as editor of the *Journal* of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada in 1957, he was lauded for having edited that publication for exactly fifty years. That was considered a great achievement; I always looked on that accomplishment with some dread, believing I might follow in his footsteps. Unless one is a truly gifted and inspired editor—and I am assuredly neither—a long period in office begins to look like a life sentence! However, not without regrets but with much relief, I gratefully turn over the editorship of *Scientia Canadensis* to Dr James Hull, who will take up the task with the first number of 1989. Arnold Roos retires with me, and Professor Yves Gingras will be James' able associate editor. The editorial board are as delighted as I to welcome the new team; we know that the journal will be in very competent hands and we look forward to ever-increasing quality.

After twelve years and thirty-five issues and having done virtually every job connected with the journal (and always with little money), it is time for me to divide the responsibilities. I will continue as publisher, taking care of the physical side of production, but the time for a new, energetic editorial team is long overdue. A dozen years have seen an expansion in distribution and material quality. Far more important has been the steady increase in new, young authors, excellent articles and new historiographical approaches. My sincerest thanks to all the authors, contributors and editorial advisers that have made *Scientia Canadensis* a possibility. Even when we were far behind schedule or could only offer a thin issue, many of you still sent encouraging messages. I trust you will give your full support to James and Yves.

Richard A. Jarrell
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