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president of the University of Saskatchewan, on his battles with the scientific bureaucracy in Canada.

The last day was taken up with a plenary session in which rapporteurs from each workshop reported on their respective discussions. From the general discussion, a number of recommendations and new initiatives emerged. Activities that will carry on beyond the conference include:

1. An unanimous resolution sent to the Hon. John Roberts, Secretary of State, deploring the loss of the Robert Bell Papers from the Public Archives, and strongly urging that they be recovered. The conference demanded that a clear archival policy for scientific and technical material be enunciated by the government. The intelligence concerning this gross oversight was brought to the conference's attention by Prof Alan Richardson of Western.
2. The medical history workshop reported renewed interest in a newsletter for historians of Canadian medicine, and hopes for a special conference on their subject at the time of the 1979 Learned Societies Conference at Saskatoon.
3. The general encouragement for an idea introduced by John Farley (Dalhousie) for short-courses or chautauquas (along the lines of those given by the National Science Foundation in the USA) for teachers who wish to get an intensive training in the history of Canadian science and technology.
4. The educational workshops, frustrated by the lack of a good textbook and other teaching materials for students, struck a committee to work on a series of modules on aspects of Canadian science and technology. This group, and HSTC Publications, are now working towards this goal.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in 1979 under the editorial direction of the editors of the BULLETIN and the organizing committee of the conference. At a later date, it is hoped that a comprehensive bibliography of the field can be published.

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