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This is the first volume in a proposed history of the other major city on the Red River. But it is perhaps more accurately the study of an occidental society planted on the plains under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church. It is solidly documented and is an invaluable entree into the francophone presence in the west.

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Gilles Sénécal presents here, with an introduction, the classic 1947 study of the geographer, Raoul Blanchard. For those unable to find copies of the original, this republication provides an even improved alternative.

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While not exactly urban history, this volume does provide an insight into the cold war culture, one that co-incided with the suburbanization of the city. It is an anthology of stories from those Canadians who were persecuted for their beliefs.

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Mills’ volume is another fine production in this series from Parks Canada, presenting their research to the public. This one began as work on prefabricated buildings for the *Historical Atlas of Canada* Vol. III, but is much elaborated and full of posters, pictures and drawings that are a delight to the eye, and a text that is as informative as it is readable. Also available en français.

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For those scholars interested in social housing, this is an invaluable commentary on the literature in the area, both French and English, including an extensive bibliography. It is part of a series of “Rapports de recherche”, the results usually of sponsored or contract research. Two other recent “rapports” of interest are:

Pierre Lamonde, **La transformation de l’économie montréalaise. 1971-1986: Cadre pour une problématique de transport.** Montreal: INRS-urbanisation, 1988. “Rapports de recherche” No. 11, a study contracted by the executive committee of the Montreal Urban Community; and

Pierre Lamond, **Développement urbain et stratégie de transport pour Montréal, horizon 2001.** Montreal: INRS-urbanisation, 1989, “Rapports de recherche” No. 12, a study done for the City of Montreal.

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It should be noted that similar research reports also emerged from similar institutions in Toronto, Winnipeg and London.

From the Centre for Urban and Community Studies at the University of Toronto:

Jim Simmons, **Commercial Structure and Change in Toronto, 1991**, Research Paper No. 182;


Other papers in the lecture series by Birgit Krantz and Jorge Hardoy are forthcoming as is a book entitled *Sustainable Cities: Urbanization and the Environment in International Perspective*, that last the product of a 1990 colloquium on “Human Settlements and Sustainable Development”.

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From the Program in Planning, University of Toronto, series of “Papers on Planning and Design”:


Andrew James Brown, **Commuting Trends in Metro's Suburban Centres,** 1992, paper No. 38.; and

From the Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg:


A series of "Local Government Case Studies" has also been started in the Local Government Program, Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario. Of recent note is:


Of interest to "local" historians, the following publications are noted:


Those with an interest in preservation of the built heritage should note:


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