18TH CONFERENCE ON THE APPLICATION OF QUANTITATIVE METHODS TO CANADIAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Vancouver, B.C. October 2-3, 1992

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PUBLIC POLICY

FINAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER

#1 9:00 - 10:30

Business and Public Policy: Theme Session

Chair: Mary McKinnon (McGill)

- 1. A. Carlos (U. of Colorado) and F. Lewis (Queen's): <The Creative Financing of an Unprofitable Enterprise: the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada 1853-1881.>
- 2. I. Drummond (U. of Toronto): <Debt and the Dominion Government, 1914-1920,>
- 3. C. Callahan, J. McDonald and A.P. O'Brien (Lehigh U.): <Retaliation: the Canadian Response to the Smoot-Hawley Tariff.>

Discussants: P. George (Council of Ontario Universities)

M. Bordo (Rutgers)

L.Alston (Urbana-Champaign, Illinois)

#2 11:00 - 12:30

Money, Banking, and Cycles: Theme Session

Chair: Knick Harley (Western Ontario)

- 4. M. Bordo (Rutgers), L.P. Jonung (Lund U.), and P. Siklos (Wilfrid Laurier): <The Common Development of Institutional Change As Measured by Income Velocity: A Century of Evidence from Industrialized Countries.>
- K. Furlong (U. of Toronto): <Money, Interest Rates, and the Canadian Business Cycle, 1867-1896.>
- 6. B. Champ, B. Smith, and S. Williamson (Western Ontario): <Currency Elasticity and Banking Panics: Theory and Evidence.>

Discussants: N. Quigley (Western Ontario)

R. Shearer (U.B.C.) A. Redish (U.B.C.)

#3 14:00 - 15:30 Canadian Economic Growth: Models and Evidence: Theme Session

Chair: N. South (Victoria)

- 7. J. Irwin (Central Michigan) and K. Inwood (Guelph): <Inter-regional Differences in Economic Growth in Canada, 1870-1890.>
- 8. L. Evans and N. Quigley (Victoria Univ. of Wellington): <What Can Univariate Models Tell Us About Canadian Economic Growth 1870-1985?>

9. C. McDevitt (Central Michigan): <Common Stock Returns, Expected Inflation and the Canadian Tax System.>

Discussants: A. Green (Queen's)

K. Inwood (Guelph)

K. Harley (Western Ontario)

#4 16:00 - 17:00 Labour Issues: Annulments and Pensions: Theme Session

Chair: W. Lewchuk (McMaster)

- 10. G. Hamilton (U. of Toronto): <Annulment Behaviour in Early Canadian Apprenticeship Contracts -- Specific Capital or Uncertainty?>
- 11. M. MacKinnon (McGill): <Pensioners and the Canadian Pacific Railway.>

Discussants: L. Alston (Urbana-Champaign, Illinois)

D. Green (U.B.C.)

19:00

No Host Reception at the O'Doul's Hotel

20:00

Banquet; Speaker: I. Drummond

SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER

#5 9:00 - 10:00 Work-in-progress Part I: Economic Well-being Across Canada

Chair: P. Ward (U.B.C.)

- D. Massicotte (U. de Montreal): <House Characteristics, Location, and Market: Determining Montreal Rental Costs, 1731-1825.>
- H. Emery (U.B.C.): <The Financial Viability of Fraternal Sickness Insurance.>
- L. Di Matteo (Lakehead): <The Ontario 1892 Wealth Project.>
- #6 10:30 12:00 Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Hunting

Chair: M.A. Hendryson (Western Washington U.)

- 12. M. St-Hilaire and R. Thibeault (SOREP, U du Quebec a Chicoutini): <The Growth and Spatial Distribution of the Dairy Industry in the Regions of Quebec, 1871-1951.>
- 13. K. Inwood (Guelph): <The Manufacturing Sector in Canada 1870: A Computer-assisted Compilation of Census Manuscripts.>

14. P. George (Council of Ontario Univ.), F. Berkes and R.J. Preston: <Indigenous Land Use and Harvesting Among the Cree in Western James Bay: A Historical and Contemporary Analysis.>

Discussants: R. Dupre (H.E.C.)

M. Altman (U. of Saskatchewan)

H. Grant (U. of Winnipeg)

#7 13:30 - 13:45

Business Meeting

#8 13:45 - 14:45 Work-in-progress Part II: Unemployment and Depression

Chair: Peter Ward (UBC)

P. Baskerville and E. Sager (U. of Victoria): <Unemployment in Late 19th Century Canada.>

M. Bordo (Rutgers) and A. Redish (U.B.C.): <Domestic vs International Sources of the Great Depression in Canada.>

R. Szostak (U. of Alberta): <The Great Depression: A Technological Explanation>

#9 15:00 - 16:00

A Look Abroad: Of Water and Food

Chair: R. Szostak (U of Alberta)

- 15. L. Cain (Northwestern): <Urbanization and Sanitation in the Progressive Era.>
- 16. P. St-Amour (Queen's) and J.M. Chevet (I.N.R.A., Paris): <The Volatility of Wheat Prices in 19th Century France.>

Discussants: L. Anderson (York U.)