Editor's Note

I am pleased to present the Waterloo Historical Review for the year 2017. Now in its ninth year, this journal was created to showcase the talent of the undergraduate history students at the University of Waterloo. It is my hope that this talent shines through as you read the papers included within. We had many excellent submissions to chose from, and were able to represent the diverse interests of Waterloo's undergraduate students in the final selections.

Naturally, I would like to thank all those that took interest in the journal and submitted their papers. I hope you continue to pursue opportunities in History and academic writing. I would also like to thank the team of volunteer editors who make this yearly journal possible, as well as the faculty that lend a hand and a critical eye. This group of willing volunteers help us ensure we are putting our best foot forward.

Thanks to a grant from the Arts Endowment Fund we will be able to publish physical copies of our journal this year, and the continued support of our library staff allows us to continue publishing online through the Open Journal System.

With thanks to our supporters, our writers and our readers, I hope you enjoy the 2017 Waterloo Historical Review.

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