

1970s and he agreed that something should be done. However, my posting to the Organization of American States in Washington in early 1976 intervened. Work on the history got under way a couple of years later.

My contribution to the history, such as it was, occurred mainly in 1984-85 after my return to Ottawa from Tunis. It consisted largely in redefining its scope so that it would concentrate somewhat more on the administrative and structural evolution of the department and less on its life and times. I also contributed to the creation of the Editorial Board of academics and departmental officers who have helped to guide the authors along the way. Our chairman is Prof. David Farr of Carleton University, whose contributions to the history and the work of the board have been invaluable.

The first volume, from the beginnings down to 1946, is now out and I am sure you are all aware of John Hilliker's fine study of the subject. The second one, with which Prof. Don Barry is associated as a co-author with John, covers the next two decades and should be published sometime next year. There are plans to bring the story down to the 1980s, but the Goddess Clio has as yet to determine its final parameters.

Many thanks. Merci beaucoup.