

agreement that this would be totally uneconomic.

So what to do? Here are some interesting proposals.

Professor Goldblatt thinks "*International Canada*" might possibly survive - even against official competition - if it were better edited, produced and distributed more quickly, and the number of issues cut to six per year.

I was intrigued by some views expressed by Peter Dobell. Mr. Dobell is understandably anxious that "*International Canada*" should survive, as it is his Parliamentary Centre, as I noted, that does the initial editing. But beyond that he believes - sincerely I think - that the cause of historical research would be seriously disadvantaged if the non-official material now published in "*International Canada*" were to disappear.

Ideally, Mr. Dobell would like External to drop the idea of an official record and devote whatever sum it would save by such abstinence to improving "*International Canada*".

Failing that, he would hope that instead of charging for subscriptions to libraries and other potential recipients, we would give the new record to them gratis. Hard-up librarians would not then have to choose between competing publications. There is the danger, of course, that they might elect to accept the free one and not renew their subscription to the other. But the risk of External's publication killing "*International Canada*" would be greatly lessened.

I might point out that to make the record available to university and other libraries without charge would be less costly than perhaps it sounds.