Archives Preserves Labour/Le Travail Records

Labour/Le Travail has been documenting Canadian labour history since 1976.

WITH SUPPORT FROM AN ACCESS to Holdings Grant from the Archives Society of Alberta, the Thomas A. Edge Archives and Special Collections has catalogued early records of the Journal of Canadian Labour Studies/Revue d’études Ouvrières Canadiennes acquired from Memorial University.

Labour/Le Travail, produced by the Canadian Committee on Labour History, is a bilingual, biannual review committed to the interdisciplinary study of Canadian labour history, in particular the study of working class history, industrial sociology, labour economics and labour relations.

The grant enabled the archives to process 93 boxes of material, re-house the materials in archival quality folders and boxes, and create a file list and series or fonds (a group of documents originating from the same source), available on the Archives Society of Alberta website under the Archives Network of Alberta.

Karen Langley, manager of institutional records and university archivist, said the archives is very pleased to be able to preserve the Labour/Le Travail files as a record of the work that the CCLH has done. The collection will be of interest to students, faculty and community researchers interested in labour history and publishing.

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Within five years of its first issue, Labour/Le Travail expanded, quantitatively and qualitatively, from a 200-page annual, carrying only articles, to a 250-page biannual with critiques, research reports, documents and book reviews in addition to articles. Two new sections: Debates and Correspondence were added in 1994 in order “to stimulate intellectual debate and controversy.”