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Preface

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Winnipeg (September 24-26, 1999) was both an intellectually and socially stimulating occasion. The Meeting was hosted by the Department of Geography, University of Manitoba. With regard to the academic component of the Meeting, no fewer than thirty-nine papers and posters were presented in formal sessions. A pleasing feature of the sessions was the participation of not only academic staff members of the institutions included within our Division, but also the level of student involvement. The papers included in this volume afford a representative selection of the diverse presentations at the Meeting which have subsequently been peer-reviewed.

As Head of the host Department, I wish to thank the many people who generously contributed to the success of the Meeting. Particular thanks are due to Michael P. Conzen (University of Chicago) for a most stimulating keynote address entitled *Urban Life on the Great Plains: A Historico-Geographical Interpretation*, which was immediately preceded by eloquent welcoming remarks from James S. Gardner (Vice-President Academic and Provost, University of Manitoba). I am also grateful to H. Len Sawatzky for a memorable and excellent rural field trip on the Saturday afternoon of the Meeting. Jacek I. Romanowski (Chair, Organizational Committee) not only deserves thanks for working tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly during the Meeting, but for assuming the daunting task of editing this volume. The encouragement and active support of both Raymond F. Currie (Former Dean of Arts, University of Manitoba) and Robert P. O’Kell (Dean of Arts, University of Manitoba) are gratefully acknowledged. Others to whom special thanks are due include Trudy Baureiss, Danny Blair, Alex Morrison, David Mosscrop, John Selwood, Gina M. Sylvestre, Ramesh C. Tiwari, and Janet Vander Kruys. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to our

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