

PREFACE

This volume contains thirteen articles which reflect current research interests of faculty and graduate students in the Department of Archaeology, and an introductory guest article by Michael Stanislawski, Weatherford Fellow of the School of American Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

We are fortunate to have the article by Dr. Stanislawski which emphasizes the importance of Ethno-archaeology. It has become increasingly clear that anthropologists generally do not collect the kinds and types of ethnographic information necessary for the inferences and analogies of modern archaeology, and that archaeologists themselves must design and undertake research problems directed toward satisfying this need. Dr. Stanislawski is a pioneer in this newly developing field of Ethno-archaeology.

The majority of the other articles are concerned with archaeology in British Columbia, but reports

on work in Quebec, New Brunswick, and Montana are also included. These contributions range from survey to excavation, from historic to pre-historic archaeology, and from culture history to method and theory. Some are preliminary, whereas others are final reports.

Archaeology in British Columbia is hopefully entering a new era, the era of publication. Far too much of the prehistory of the province has been compounded on the basis of published conclusions of field research which cannot be critically evaluated because the substantive data on which they are based remain unpublished. With the number of agencies now publishing preliminary and final reports, we may soon be able to discard outmoded concepts and ideas and with the presentation of new and more complete data, move forward to better understanding and explanation of the past.