

ACMLA Historical Maps Committee Report for 2004/2005

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Sales of map facsimiles were higher this year which is not immediately evident in the overall sales figure as payment for several standing orders is still outstanding. Invoices filled for the year numbered 67 accounting for a total of 564 maps sold.

Copies of the newest Bird's Eye Views, Calgary [1910] and Ottawa [1893], were recently exhibited at the 22nd international cartographic conference of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) in Coruna, Spain and are to be shown at CARTO 2005.

Permission was granted for images of the Ottawa (1876) & [1893] Views to be used in the production of a poster announcing the upcoming GeoTec 2006 event and Atlas of Canada 100 years celebration to be held in Ottawa.

A scanned image of one of our original series facsimiles was used in the premier issue of MAPALÉ, a Spanish language publication promoting art, literature and culture.

The committee is currently exploring the possibility of scanning each of the facsimiles in the original series for the purpose of creating new images for the web. Our closest partner in sales of our facsimiles, Brad Green of World of Maps, has prompted this initiative as a result of the traffic experienced on the portion of his web site devoted to our ACMLA historical maps. Brad feels sales would rise sharply if more attractive images were available to replace the current thumbnails. Questions from potential customers fielded by Gord Beck, our sales officer, would seem to suggest that many who view our web site are concerned that the printed maps will be of no higher quality than the thumbnail images. Investigation into the project continues.

Dan Duda, while heavily involved with hosting CARTO 2005, did manage to get agreements in principle from two sponsors for a reprint of the St. John's Birds Eye View, which he hopes will be finalized in the fall of 2005. He will also pursue trying to get one or two new Bird's Eye Views into circulation, concentrating on getting a community from the only province not yet represented in the series: Saskatchewan.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Louis Cardinal for all of his past work with the Historical Maps Committee. As always with organizations like ACMLA, it is the individuals who volunteer their time that make it work and it is greatly appreciated. All the best Louis in your future.

Dan Duda
Chair
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