

A journal of transactions and events during a residence of nearly sixteen years on the coast of Labrador containing many interesting particulars, both of the country and its inhabitants, not hitherto known.

George Cartwright. 2012. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 3 vols. 287p, 505p, 248(+ 15)p. illustrated, softcover. ISBN 978-1-108-04160-7. (Reprint of 1792 edition. Cambridge Library Collection). £80 for complete set, or Vol 1 £25, Vol 2 £36, Vol 3 £23.

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The name of George Cartwright will be well known to historians of the southern portion of Labrador, the territory he effectively made his own during his long residence there as a merchant after leaving the British Army in which he reached the rank of Captain. Between 1770 and 1786 he undertook six expeditions to the area between Cape St Charles and Hamilton Inlet and overwintered several times. His great memoir recording his exploits that covered the whole gamut of human activity on that then almost unknown coast was published in 1792. Among other noteworthy aspects of his career was taking a few local people to England where they caused a minor sensation. The book comprised three massive volumes and anyone who wished or wishes to undertake a serious study of the history of Labrador (and Newfoundland) and its peoples must *force majeure* be familiar with it. In the words of D.W. Prowse, the eminent Newfoundland historian, it is 'one of the most remarkable books ever written' (Prowse 2002: 599). The original edition only rarely comes up for auction and when it does, it always fetches what seems to be an almost phenomenal price.

The purpose of this short notice is to draw the attention of those with Cartwright interests to this new reprint published in 2012 in the Cambridge Library Collection 'Books of enduring scholarly value' series. It is a measure of the development of printing technology that the contents of this reproduction are absolutely exact. When one opens a volume, one is impressed by the typeface which is as easy to read as was that of the original. This is, moreover, a full reproduction and nothing is excluded, even the wonderful list of subscribers. One notes with interest that the Prince of Wales subscribed for four copies, two in large paper and two in small. The list comprises 'the great and the good' of the period and it seems that Cartwright had no difficulty in securing supporters although this might have been because of the huge publicity he obtained by bringing the Labrador natives to England. As well as the text, the maps of the original are reproduced although as fold-outs were prohibited, as a matter of cost one suspects, they are rather small. But the full size version of the maps can be secured via links helpfully provided. The frontispiece, the well-known picture of Cartwright 'visiting his Fox-traps' is faithfully presented. The volumes are softbound but the cover design is attractive and the binding is reasonably solid. The volumes merit careful handling.

One must congratulate Cambridge University Press on this venture that makes a very rare but important book available to a wide readership in an attractive reproduction. (Ian R. Stone, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, Lensfield Rd., Cambridge CB2 1ER. (irs30@cam.ac.uk)).

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International law and politics of the Arctic Ocean. Essays in honour of Donat Pharand. Suzanne Lalonde and Ted L. McDorman (editors). 2015. Leiden: Brill. xi + 458 p, hardcover. ISBN 978-9-004-28458-6. 159€.

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It is almost impossible to study the law in the Arctic, and in particular the law of the sea, and not having heard of Donat Pharand. Indeed, his role in influencing the development and application of the law of the sea in the Arctic Ocean are undisputed and he has been the most notable scholar in justifying Canadian sovereignty over the Northwest Passage. It therefore does not come as a surprise that other notable scholars have come together to honour professor emeritus Donat Pharand in the truly impressive volume *International law and politics of the Arctic Ocean*.

In 17 articles, amounting to almost 460 pages, the influence of Donat Pharand on contemporary legal and political issues in the Arctic becomes obvious and it is thus that a wide array of topics, summarised under four distinct parts, leaving out the *Introduction*, are presented and analysed: *Arctic Ocean regional governance*; *Arctic shipping and navigation*; *Bilateral relations*; and *Specific Arctic legal issues*.

Part 1, *Introduction*, must be considered separately from the other parts as it in very concise terms summarises the importance of the findings of Donat Pharand over a period of fifty years. The only chapter in this part holds the descriptive title *Donat Pharand - The Arctic scholar*, written by Suzanne Lalonde. The author shows with great finesse how Pharand argued for different points of view and analysed different contexts regarding, for instance, the sector theory, historic waters, straight baselines or the legal status of the Northwest Passage. Quoting extensively from Pharand's scholarly work from the 1970s and 1980s up to his most recent article from 2007 (Pharand 2007), Lalonde presents the progressiveness of Pharand's work, his self-critical approaches as well as the timeliness of his findings. While this chapter is without a doubt of great significance for a better understanding of Pharand as a scholar, it could furthermore serve as a platform for discussion in university seminars or workshops as basic principles of the law of the sea are, in Pharand's words and also in direct French quotes, discussed and elaborated upon. Lalonde's admiration for Pharand shines through on numerous occasions and she concludes this engaging chapter with the words: 'Pharand has shown us the way forward. One must hope that his voice, the voice of wisdom that comes after a lifetime's commitment to the Arctic, will be heard' (page 51).