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## **McGill-Queen's University Press Wins \$10,000 Wilson Prize for Publishing Canadian History**

Each year the **L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History at McMaster University** awards a **\$10,000 prize** to a publisher it deems to have excelled at publishing and promoting innovative writing in Canadian History. The Wilson Institute has chosen **McGill-Queen's University Press** as the recipient of the **Wilson Prize for Publishing Canadian History for 2013**.

The Prize will be presented to MQUP by Dr. H.V. Nelles at McGill University Faculty Club on 21 January 2014.

In its announcement, the Wilson Institute commends McGill-Queen's University Press "for the quantity of Canadian History it publishes, but also the quality and variety...covering an astonishing range historical topics, military, social, intellectual, political, gender studies, geography, art, exploration, indigenous studies, religion, and colonial history." Among its many honours, MQUP is a recent winner of the Sir John A. Macdonald Prize of the Canadian Historical Association for the best book in Canadian History.

**The \$10,000 prize is awarded on the condition that the funds are used to support the publication of books in the field of Canadian History, and in keeping with this intention, MQUP will apply the award to the publication of *Law and Life at Red River* by Dale Gibson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Manitoba.** This major work explores the establishment, development, and legal history of the settlement and pioneer community that served as the Hudson's Bay Company commercial and governmental headquarters. Accompanied by court records from the General Quarterly Court of Assiniboia, these documents and the dramatic stories they tell shed light on a compelling era in Canadian history.

Philip Cercone, executive director of MQUP, responded to the news of the award: "We are delighted to be awarded the Wilson Prize. We share the commitment of the Wilson Institute for Canadian History in the rethinking of Canadian history within a globalization framework and this honour is a genuine tribute to all the scholars who have chosen to publish with us."

The Wilson Prize for Publishing Canadian History is named after L.R. (Red) Wilson, who has been a major supporter of Canadian history through the organization, Historica, which he co-founded, and the L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History, which he sustains in co-operation with McMaster University.

<http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~history/wilson/index.html>

McGill-Queen's University Press is a joint venture of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, and Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and specializes in publishing works that present both Canadian perspectives and international themes.

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