There is a growing literature on economic development in the world. We will endeavour to bring you short reviews of the best and newest of this literature as well as opinions and commentary on older texts that may or not be still relevant to the contemporary situation. Our goal is to provide you information on books and articles that may interest those who are working, teaching or researching in this field.

This issue we bring you reviews of two books: Frank Tough’s *As Their Natural Resources Fail*, an economic history of Aboriginal People’s in Northern Manitoba in the early confederation period. It gives much insight into a long neglected subject matter and helps us to understand better the contemporary efforts in Manitoba in particular and Douglas Elias’ *Northern Aboriginal Communities: Economies and Development* which focuses on the complex question of development in the north and issues surrounding identity and development.

We invite you to send us suggestions of books and articles that you have found useful and insightful and that you feel should be brought to the attention of others.