

EDITORIAL

Our readers will, I am sure, join me in celebrating the decease of the late unlamented Lambeg Pennywhistle, recent holder of this office. His contribution to the field of conservation was immeasurable; indeed, all we know of it is that it was extremely slight. Conservation publishing, with the advent of *Recent Setbacks in Conservation*, could be said to have made a quantum leap ahead under his guidance (*vide* Footnote 2, page 14). There is no specialty not in the world outside conservation in which he did not have no influence of a very postive kind. Now he has passed away we should pause to let our true feelings of this potentially great man come to the surface. We therefore hope fervently that Satan blast his corrupt soul to fragments and that he roast in the seven-times-stoked furnace which is reserved in hell for the devil and his angels. With his pernicious stranglehold on the editorial office broken it has now been possible to eject his worthless cronies, Uillean Bodhran, Crwth Pibgorm and Breton Bombarde. The air is sweeter and more wholesome in their long-awaited absence.

Now, regarding all the complaints received concerning Volume 2, the blame must lie squarely at the door of the previous editorial staff. (In fact, it was lying there when I took office and I nearly stepped in it.) We are fully aware of what a singularly tasteless and crude effort Volume 2 was, following in the wake of the resounding failure of Volume 1. Much of this can be blamed on a non-existent editorial policy where absolutely anything was considered fit for publication. One glance through the pages of this present Volume will show the reader that this matter has been fully and carefully redressed. Also too as well, the advertising accepted by these same editors was of singularly poor quality and, we suspect, not at all accurate. Again, the vast improvement will be obvious to even the less-discerning of our readers.

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to all who purchased Volume 3 of *Recent Setbacks in Conservation* in spite of the revulsion engendered by Volume 2. It is you, our readers and contributors, who are responsible for the quality and success of the publication. If you keep returning again and again for more, like Toronto Maple Leaf fans, one day you will be rewarded. Your perseverance and faithfulness can be likened unto the flower which blossoms in the desert - I don't quite know why.

Keith Myarth.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

Come on, let's cut out the crap. You and I both know we'll accept anything - just flip through the following pages...