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All three of the articles in this issue of *The Bridge* deal directly or indirectly with Danish migration to Canada. It is easy for many of us to assume that when Danes emigrated to North America they came exclusively to the United States, but clearly this is an assumption that ignores reality. Last summer I had the privilege of participating in the "24th Danish Canadian Conference" sponsored by the Federation of Danish Associations of Canada and held at Dana College and The Danish Immigrant Museum. It was a unique opportunity to compare and contrast the Danish experience in Canada and the United States. I hope the readers of this issue will take advantage of this opportunity to reflect on the Danish immigrant experience in both nations.

In the first article, Niels Peter Stilling explains why some Danes chose to leave Søllerød parish, just north of Copenhagen, and move to North America. He describes how personal contacts with earlier immigrants were often crucial in the decision to emigrate.

Erik John Nielsen Lang investigates the role of S. S. Heller in the establishment of the first and only organized migration of Danes to Canada in the 19th century and the subsequent creation of the settlement known as New Denmark in the Province of New Brunswick.

In the final article, Rolf Buschardt Christensen traces the struggles of Abraham Van Buskirk, a United Empire loyalist of Danish descent during the American Revolutionary War and one of the nearly 50,000 individuals who left the Thirteen Colonies to settle in what was to become Canada.

Once more we are fortunate to have several book reviews to publish. We express our appreciation to the publishers who provide us with review copies and also to the friends of the DAHS for accepting review assignments.