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As David’s moving introductory piece recalls, Jack Walker’s lifework, beyond his family and dedication to his clients, was to produce this history of the Winnipeg General Strike. When he passed away, my colleague Professor Alvin Esau and our former student Duncan Fraser took over the project and released a first edition.¹ Its distribution channels did not then exist to make it widely available, which is the reason for this second edition. In addition to the hard copy version, the Manitoba Law Journal is now available free and worldwide through at least three online sources, as well as in bookstores, and through the major specialized legal databases. We hope that this second edition, prepared in connection with the 100th anniversary of the General Strike, will find a wide and enduring audience.

The academic year 2019 was also the 50th anniversary of the relocation of the law school to Robson Hall. A companion volume to this is our special edition on the life and legacy of Chief Justice Hugh Amos Robson, whose report on the General Strike remains an outstanding contribution to its historiography and evaluation. One of the essential dimensions of our journal has been exploring legal history, and Jack assembled a remarkable collection of documents on the General Strike which he donated to the Manitoba Archives. We hope this edition will not only expand awareness and understanding of the General Strike, but inspire others to follow in Jack’s path of studying and reflecting upon the event and its legacy. More widely, the Manitoba Law Journal hopes to continue its efforts, and inspire those of

others, to explore the legal history of this province and the way it has been influenced and affected by the world far beyond our borders.²