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COVER ILLUSTRATION: Italian immigrants working for *padrone* Vincent Cuozzo enjoy a brief respite while posing with the "Little Giant" on the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad's Lagrange cutoff in 1906. Mechanization was unusual in Maine's nineteenth-century railroad construction. Most work was accomplished by pick, shovel, and horse cart, as Alfred Banfield points out in his article on the Italian *Padroni* and their sojourner work crews. This photo and most of those in the first article come from the Vincent Cuozzo Collection at the University of Maine's Special Collections Department.

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Page 1 of Volume 30, number 1 (Summer 1990) should be corrected to show Jacques M. Downs as the author of *Cities on the Saco* in both the table of contents and cover photo credit.