

from local communities as part of the micro-economic system. A second weakness is his blithe acceptance of the stereotype of widespread rowdiness and anarchic conditions in the 1630s and 1640s. His evidence simply does not support his statements and my own research suggests a quite different pattern for the northern New England region.

In summary, although *The Emergence of Provincial New Hampshire* is not the most readable book, it is certainly one students of Maine history ought to peruse carefully. Van Deventer was looking at New Hampshire in his study, but much that he found will be applicable to Maine as well.

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