

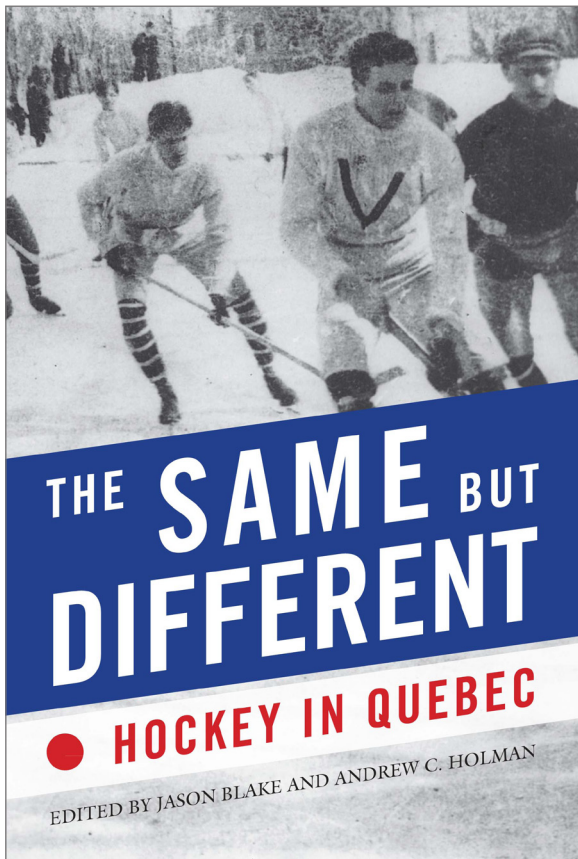


# THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT

## *Hockey in Quebec*

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