

Editorial Note

Publication of the six papers that follow represents a departure from established editorial policy for *Geoscience Canada*, so a few words of explanation are in order.

Geoscience Canada does not ordinarily devote so much space to a symposium on a single topic, but in this case the generosity of Environment Canada, which is covering the full cost of printing, has made it possible to include the symposium without reducing in any way the space that would normally have been devoted to other topics. Readers can think of the symposium as a bonus of 60 pages, that comes to them over and above the 240 pages that are generally all that the GAC budget can extend to.

Financial concerns aside, I think readers will agree that the papers making up this symposium are indeed the type of papers that we would like to see in *Geoscience Canada*. Besides the normal editorial processing, the papers in this symposium have received careful scientific editing by the staff of the Canada Centre for Inland Waters. One of the papers which seemed to the editor to contain more original research results than was usual for our magazine, has also been favourably reported on by two external referees. We are grateful to Dr. Peter Sly and other personnel of the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, and to the external referees, as well as to Environment Canada, for making it possible for us to include the symposium in this issue.

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Editor



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Forty of the papers refer to both general and specific aspects of the geology of the northern hemisphere continental margins and are organized in groups with respect to the ocean basin toward which each region faces. The groups are: Atlantic, Baffin Bay, Arctic Ocean, and Pacific margins, respectively. Four other papers are included under "General Topics" and deal with aspects of deltas, geophysical comparisons and Pangean Devonian paleogeography. Five papers deal with engineering and environmental aspects of offshore petroleum exploration.

The memoir contains 50 papers presented at two symposia in 1974: the Offshore Symposium of the Geological Association of Canada/Mineralogical Association of Canada at St. John's, Newfoundland in May, and the symposium on Canada's Continental Margins and Offshore Petroleum Exploration organized by the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists at Calgary in September-October.

Sir Edward Bullard's keynote address to the Calgary symposium on "Plate Tectonics and Oil Accumulation" is the introductory paper.

The volume comprises 898 pages and includes more than 500 illustrations. The exceptionally low cost for a publication of this size and scope was made possible by grants from the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, for which the societies are extremely grateful.

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