

Editorial

After nine months as editor of *Geoscience Canada*, I feel that I have (at least) one foot on the ground and hopefully can maintain the high quality established by my predecessor, G.V. Middleton. *Most errors and omissions are now my responsibility and I am girded to receive the legitimate complaints of authors.*

Costs of publication are a constant concern and every effort is being made to keep these to a minimum. Volume 5 (1978) cost \$38,000 to produce. However, the cost to GAC was \$19,000 as we received the difference from subscription sales (external to GAC membership), advertising revenue (thanks to W. Chesworth, our past advertising manager), and a grant from the NSERC. The actual cost to a member came to \$6.50 for four issues. It must be pointed out that we received a further subsidy in that McMaster University and the University of Waterloo charged GAC no overhead for office space. In 1978 then, *Geoscience Canada* was a real bargain for GAC members, and I hope it will continue in this way.

Beginning with Volume 7 (manuscript deadline, November 30, 1979), we will introduce a formal review procedure for the article portion of this magazine. This was decided after a great deal of thought and discussion on the part of the GAC Editorial Committee and Council. The main advantage is that it will help us to make the right editorial decisions on manuscripts and thus maintain the quality of the magazine. Also, it should increase the number of unsolicited manuscripts giving the editor more flexibility in choosing the content of a given issue. The main disadvantage is that review procedures slow down the time required for publication. Like any editor, I hope to keep this interval to a minimum. Time will tell. Guides to authors are available on request from

our office at McMaster University.

Our very popular series on Facies Models, edited by R.G. Walker, will conclude with this issue. The entire series will be reprinted as *Geoscience Canada Reprint Series One*, and is available now (see our notice later in the issue). The success of that endeavour has led me to extend this format into other areas of geoscience. A series on ore deposit models is now in the works and hopefully will begin with Volume 7, Number 1. It is sponsored by the Mineral Deposits Subdivision of GAC, and I salute their enthusiasm and cooperation. I am continuing my efforts in other areas and would welcome suggestions from the readers.

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