

EDITORS' FOREWORD

We are extremely pleased to bring forth the first issue of MARITIME SEDIMENTS. The response to the initial request for information was immediate and encouraging.

The concept of MARITIME SEDIMENTS came into being during the latter half of 1964. The Editors, representing diverse fields of interests, and associated with different organizations, discussed the possibility of promoting an informal means of communication for geologists engaged in any facet of recent or ancient sediments in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada and peripheral regions. The number of scientists concerned with sediment problems in this region is growing rapidly and it is becoming more difficult to keep up with studies that are already underway. It is often quite a problem to find out who is doing what and to avoid duplication. Furthermore, geologists working in this region are handicapped by the great distances involved. The lack of personal contact has been an obstacle in the past.

It was obvious to the editors that an informal newsletter appearing at regular intervals would be the best solution to the problem of keeping geologists informed of research projects, meetings, and information of this type. The numerous positive letters received confirm our belief that MARITIME SEDIMENTS fills a need.

Four Associate Editors representing several organizations in the Atlantic Provinces will assist the Editor in order to increase the range of interest. The chief editorship will revolve annually within the group to maintain enthusiasm at a high level.

Over one hundred and fifty persons known to be working in various disciplines in this area were contacted in October of 1964. These included members of universities, research institutions, national, state, and provincial government departments, oil and mining companies. Scientists working on modern and ancient sediments in the Arctic, North Atlantic and Northern United States were also contacted - none of our problems stops at the political boundary.

Now that we are "in production" with this first number, a brief statement as to purpose, scope, content, and sponsorship of the publication is in order.

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