

EDITOR'S PAGE

The first volume of MARITIME SEDIMENTS is now complete with the appearance of this fourth number, the October 1965 issue. The first year of publication, normally the most critical one in a magazine's existence, has been a success. MARITIME SEDIMENTS has done more than "just survive".

Over 400 persons and organizations across Canada and the United States, and also in Western Europe, Africa, and Asia have requested to be placed on the mailing list. Coverage now includes universities, research institutions, national and provincial government departments, and oil and mining companies. But a more significant sign of success is the support given by the many scientists working on a wide range of problems related to sediments. The volume and quality of contributions in 1965 have made the publication viable. Because of the support given, the original aim is being achieved: that of promoting cooperation and interchange of information on all aspects of recent and ancient sediment problems, particularly in the Atlantic Provinces, in Eastern Canada and the United States, and in the Arctic.

The first year's publication costs have been high. These costs have been met by the ATLANTIC PROVINCES INTER-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON THE SCIENCES and home organizations of the editors. MARITIME SEDIMENTS could not have appeared without this strong support, nor without the many hours donated by the Associate and Corresponding Editors.

Looking ahead, I would hope to see MARITIME SEDIMENTS maintain its principal appeal, namely its role as a "clearing house" or source of up-to-date information exchange between geologists. The magazine will continue to fill a need by maintaining an informal news-letter style, appearing on a regular basis, and keeping publication delays to a minimum. An increasing number of current news items and short reports, reviews, abstracts, and preliminary notes will be accepted. Definitive articles will, however, be referred to professional journals. In continuing this policy, we shall avoid falling into the trap of becoming just "one more journal", a fear expressed by a number of readers.

It is expected that the sources of funds will be increased so that an improved volume may be produced in 1966 which will reach a larger number of specialists and organizations. Suggestions to improve the format or contents are welcomed. The number of Corresponding Editors in various organizations will also continue to increase so that coverage of activities may be expanded in future issues.

Now that the 1965 field season has come to a close, we again invite geologists to submit material for forthcoming issues.

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