

Editor's Page

In the Reports section of our closing number for Volume 9, we have published a series of five papers dealing with different aspects of Appalachian geology. These papers were submitted as part of a proposal to publish the proceedings of the geological colloquium held at Fredericton, New Brunswick, earlier this year. As the theme dealt mainly with regional geology and to a great extent on the effects of major geological processes, such as structural, tectonic and metamorphic on sedimentary basins, we thought that more interest would be provided for our readers if this entire pattern were presented rather than the sediments alone. Although five papers fall somewhat short of the 20 given, we feel that the present selection is fairly representative of various aspects of the colloquium. Other papers may arrive subsequently, in which case, we shall be most happy to publish them. Meanwhile Volume 9, Number 2, of MARITIME SEDIMENTS carries all the abstracts of papers given at the meeting.

In the section on Meetings, we have published the abstracts of the first symposium on the geological action of drift ice. The papers presented at this meeting last spring in Quebec will not appear in regular proceedings but will be published separately in pertinent journals. This meeting ranged over a variety of subjects including scouring of the sea floor by ice-keels, disruption of sediment and faunal distributions, the movement of large boulders, the alteration of the shore line, the production of small-scale features such as mud lumps, the mass movement of sediments and many other local phenomena. Environmentally such processes have great significance to projects involving construction along the coast, and the emplacement of installations on the sea floor.

In the Current Research section of MARITIME SEDIMENTS, we have a report on a short course held in conjunction with an S.E.P.M. meeting recently. The account is given by Professor Middleton of McMaster University, who points out the continuing need for such exercises. On this point we wish to dwell a moment and echo these same thoughts. In every professional area, whether it is science, arts, engineering, or journeyman's work, the fundamental of the field must be continuously appraised. This is common knowledge to athletes, in fact they practise this creed annually. The medical practitioner is continually returning to school. Industry and government have unending rounds of people learning, obtaining refresher courses and generally keeping posted on contemporary and fundamental facts of their vocations. The petroleum industry in western Canada organizes special courses for its employees selected to perform in given areas. Therefore nothing is really new in the concept of re-training but considerable encouragement is needed for its sustained practise, and this is correctly emphasized by Professor Middleton.

This year marks the first time that we must announce a revised subscription price. Inflation has struck everyone everywhere in the world, and the recent unprecedented spiralling of this economic phenomenon has also caught MARITIME SEDIMENTS in its coils. Therefore we must regretfully announce the new rates to you under our Notices section. Cost and lack of newsprint have been factors in delaying our publication schedule but we hope to overcome this shortly. Volume 10 is under preparation and we have an excellent selection of subjects soon going to press. Our recent liaison with the Eastern Section of the S.E.P.M., and the two-year old Atlantic Geoscience Society has increased our flow of copy and our list of subscribers immeasurably. This is most gratifying to your editors. Our new publication format has also been accepted and has actually provided more printing space. The overall effect is a slimmer magazine but one with as much, or more, technical content as formerly.

Again I would like to close another Volume by acknowledging the help of my fellow editors, correspondents, contributors, and subscribers, as well as those unseen individuals who help with copy, mailing and numerous details that brings the magazine to your desk.

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