

EDITOR'S PAGE

The second research compilation to appear in Maritime Sediments may be found on pages 188-206 of this issue. It deals with Recent and Pleistocene sedimentary research in the Maritime region, complementing the one on Ancient Sediments that appeared in the April 1966 issue. Comparison of the two compilations shows that the Quaternary is getting more attention in this region than all the rest of the geological column: 93 projects are listed, of which 75 are Recent and 18 mainly Pleistocene. Pre-Pleistocene projects numbered 72 altogether. Variations in the area covered, and the vastly different size of many of the projects, make comparisons such as these only very approximate, but BRENDA LAMING has checked to see what indications there are of relative effort in the different sub-disciplines. She reports that, using the total of 165 projects as 100%, the following numbers and percentages of projects are indicated:

| Projects in | sedimentology | stratigraphy | paleontology | structure | regional studies |
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| Recent sediments | 55 (33%) | 6* (4%) | 19 (12%) | - | 15 (9%) |
| Ancient sediments | 20 (12%) | 28 (17%) | 24 (14%) | 20 (12%) | 11 (7%) |

* where Pleistocene deposits are included

Pleistocene studies as a whole, 18 projects, amounted to 11%. Of all studies 69 projects (42%) involved the use of a research vessel for field work.

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As readers of the preceding page will have noticed, the composition of our Editorial Staff does not remain constant. This time we say good-bye to DANIEL STANLEY as Associate Editor, and, tragically, to HUGH LILLY as Corresponding Editor; we welcome MICHAEL McMULLEN and JACK HATHAWAY as Associate and Corresponding Editors respectively, and Stanley continues as one of the latter also. Our tribute to Hugh Lilly appears on pages 158-160 in this issue; to his family, colleagues, students, in fact all who knew him, we extend our sympathy.

I have commended Daniel Stanley's contribution to Maritime Sediments before, when I took over the Editorship from him a year ago. I would like to add that his contribution has continued, in a less apparent fashion, throughout this year: for, between writing papers and pursuing an active research program, he has found time to look after a considerable number of business matters connected with the journal. With his departure, the lack of man power has become painfully obvious and, as a result, many letters about circulation, back numbers and subscriptions remain unanswered. We plead for patience on the part of correspondents: we shall answer them soon.

Now comes my turn to hand on the Editorship, into the care of BERNARD PELLETIER. I wish him many well-written, well-illustrated reports, punctual contributors, rapid and efficient printers, and on-the-nail subscribers; but most of all I wish him as interesting a year as it has been my privilege to have as Editor. As for myself, I propose to rejoin the ranks of active research sedimentologists.

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