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While new features are not due to appear in every issue of this journal, we hope that the two new ones in this number will not be the last. We are pleased to introduce the first of a series of review articles dealing with major research fields, or projects, of importance to the region. These are intended to provide not only an account of current work or preliminary conclusions, but also an "overview" of specific research fields to indicate what is unknown as well as what is known. These articles may be 5000 to 8000 words in length, and important features are the illustrations and bibliography, as in Dr. Emery's report. They are normally solicited by the Editors, but suggestions are welcome.

The Research Compilation, the other new feature, is one for which we were unable to find any helpful comparison work, though no doubt these exist. It was built from the sima up, so to speak, in an attempt to provide as much information as possible in an accessible and usable form best suited to our regional situation; and while we know that some items of research have escaped our coverage, it is nevertheless hoped that the list is sufficiently comprehensive to be really useful. Readers will no doubt judge for themselves how successful or otherwise the effort has been: we hope they will let us know their reactions and, more to the point, their suggestions for the improvement of such compilations. (They may also like to ponder the domestic situation resulting from compilation going on concurrently with editing in a one-typewriter household). The compilation of work on Recent Sediments, announced on page 102, has been set over from

from the July to the October issue because assembly of the information at this time of the year could be seriously hampered by respondents being in the field or at sea.

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Some misunderstanding was bound to arise over our title, as it may not be universally realized that the element "Maritime" is derived from the Maritime Provinces of Canada comprising New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The term "Atlantic Provinces" embraces these three plus Newfoundland. Geologically, these form an important crustal unit of Canada with the adjacent areas of Quebec Province and the continental shelves, directly continuous with New England and interestingly related to Western Europe. We like and use the term "Northern Appalachians" for everything from Manhattan to Flemish Cap, and this journal's concern is with better than three quarters of this area; a geological map of the area is shown on page vii.

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It is now certain that this issue will appear, like the last, when the month quoted on the front cover is but a memory. For this we offer our apologies. Last time it was due to circumstances outside my control; this time it is only too literally in my hands - as I am supervising the printing. The journal is being produced mainly in the printing room of the UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK in Fredericton, a timely courtesy which is greatly appreciated since our financial situation precludes us looking the commercial printer in the face. Several ad hoc production arrangements have had to be made, some of which have resulted in frustrating delays, and difficulties with the printing machine have taken time to sort out; it is hoped, fervently, that such delays will not affect the next issue.

As our readership, now over 550, expands, so our costs go up. On the basis of grants promised and expected, a good percentage of this year's production costs are looked after, but until these become payable we are operating on goodwill and advances. We are especially grateful for the help, both in cash and in kind, received from governmental, industrial and university organizations that have literally made the publication of this issue possible. However, we cannot ignore our accumulated deficit, and we accordingly would ask organizations that receive our journal and approve of our endeavour to consider whether they are in a position to offer a donation towards production and/or illustration costs. Large or small, we shall be grateful for any help.

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