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This year, our fourth year of publication, we go to press with slight changes in the masthead. Michael McMullen is our new managing editor while Bernard Pelletier remains as editor-in-chief for another year. All editors are pleased with the growth of the journal and the wider range of contributors. Many subscribers are now submitting items on current research and other interesting information on the geological profession and its events and workers along the Atlantic seaboard. Although the companies operate on a security basis for competitive reasons, they have been most obliging by providing general information on their activities. This, together with the new staff additions to the universities, is providing considerable impetus to geological research to the area, and is having the beneficial result of delivering some feedback to both the local and national economies.

Continuing on this optimistic trend we find that research and development are proceeding hand-in-hand with professional growth along the multi-interface of university-government-industry. Vital resources such as equipment, personnel and knowledge are being exchanged more freely along these major professional sectors with the happy result of enhancing the work effort which in turn accelerates technical and scholarly progress in all areas. From this it is easy to see that the economy flourishes which in turn releases funds for continued effort thus completing the cycle of improvement and advancement for all.

Our contributions in the report section of this issue include items dealing with sedimentological and paleontological problems from the high Arctic to the warm temperature belts. We have permitted a slightly greater length to the papers exclusive of the illustrative material. Many anxious contributors have expressed a wish to expand the length of their submission and, within reason, we have attempted to accommodate these requests. We are continuing to announce new university programs, particularly the research and course of study aspects as they apply to investigations into problems in sedimentary geology which includes the rocks, the sediments, the depositional basins, and the geological processes associated with such researchers.

The editors wish to acknowledge the efforts of the correspondents of the magazine. These workers have continued to submit material which is one of the mainstays of our production. Also a contributor in the past but not shown on the masthead is Brenda Laming. This very generous and competent person gave freely of her time and effort in serving as an editorial assistant. Some of the work she undertook does not appear but it is that kind which sustains our entire effort. With her husband and our colleague Deryck, she prepared a register of our subscribers and formerly maintained the Index to Reports. She also assisted on numerous business matters and handled large quantities of correspondence. Both Lamings, husband and wife, have devised numerous innovations that have improved the appearance and style of the magazine, and have made some contributions to business efficiency. All editors join in paying this debt of gratitude.

We would ask our future subscribers to note the deadline for our next number. However, in order to keep somewhat ahead for future issues we would welcome early submissions at any time. This is an open invitation to all to send in your material early and this material includes any item of interest covered in our main sections as well as progress reports and preliminary papers.

B. R. PELLETIER, Editor.