

## PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS 1979-80 HALIFAX CHAPTER

**1st Extraordinary Meeting, 17th May 1979**

"Ecology and distribution of seaweeds in Brazil". E.C. de Oliveira, University of São Paulo.

**2nd Extraordinary Meeting, 26th September 1979**

"New ideas about dinosaurs". J.H. Ostrom, Yale University.

**1st Ordinary Meeting, 5th November 1979**

"Mushrooms in Nova Scotia, past and present". K.A. Harrison, Acadia University.

**2nd Ordinary Meeting, 3rd December 1979**

"Research and development in the steel industry". S.G. Whiteway, National Research Council, Halifax.

**3rd Ordinary Meeting, 7th January 1980**

"Energy, geophysics, and coal". D. Bidgood, Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation.

**4th Ordinary Meeting, 4th February 1980**

"Applications of research to the Management of Atlantic fisheries". T.D. Isles, Biological Station, St. Andrews and W. Apold, Inter Ocean Ltd., Halifax.

**5th Ordinary Meeting, 3rd March 1980**

"Agricultural research and development in the Maritime Provinces". G.M. Weaver, Agriculture Canada, Kentville.

**6th Ordinary Meeting, 31st March 1980**

"Research and development in the Maritime forest industry". G.M. Strunz, Canadian forest Service, Fredericton.

**7th Ordinary Meeting, 28th April 1980 (jointly with the Valley Chapter, Acadia University)**

"Ecological concerns and problems of development in relation to African mammals". D. Dodds, Acadia University.

### VALLEY CHAPTER

**1st Ordinary Meeting, 12 November 1979**

"Mushrooms in Nova Scotia, past and present". K.A. Harrison, Acadia University.

**2nd Ordinary Meeting, 10 December 1979**

"Research and development in the steel industry". S.G. Whiteway, National Research Council, Halifax.

**3rd Ordinary Meeting, 14 January 1980**

"Energy, geophysics and coal". D. Bidgood, Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation.

**4th Ordinary Meeting, 11 February 1980**

"Application of research to the management of Atlantic fisheries". T.D. Iles, Biological Station, St. Andrews and W. Apold, Inter Ocean Ltd., Halifax.

**5th Ordinary Meeting, 10 March 1980**

"Agriculture research, and development in the Maritime Provinces". G.M. Weaver, Agriculture Canada, Kentville.

**6th Ordinary Meeting, 28 April 1980 (jointly with the Halifax Chapter, Acadia University).**

"Ecological concerns and problems of development in relation to African mammals". D. Dodds, Acadia University.

### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

There have been 8 ordinary meetings of the Institute this year in Halifax, one at the National Research Council's Laboratory, one at Dalhousie University, and the remainder at the Nova Scotia Museum. In addition there have been 6 meetings of the Valley Chapter (including the Annual General Meeting), 5 of them in the Biology Department of Acadia University and the other at the Kentville Research Station of Agriculture Canada. The Institute is greatly indebted to these institutions for their hospitality.

The first meeting of the year was addressed by Dr. E.C. de Oliveira, who discussed his work on Brazilian phycology. He was followed by Dr. J.H. Ostrom who, in a joint meeting with the Atlantic Geoscience Society, gave an interesting talk on the current state of our knowledge of dinosaurs. A topical and beautifully illustrated lecture by Dr. Harrison on the mushrooms of Nova Scotia was well attended and the rest of the lectures in the year were devoted to research and development in the Maritime Provinces, with particular reference to the basic industries. Drs. Weaver, Strunz, Bidgood, and Whiteway lectured on the agricultural, silvicultural, mining, and metallurgical industries respectively. Dr. Iles and Mr. Apold gave a detailed account of the fishing industry. The Institute is very conscious of the hard work these scientists have dedicated to the lecture series and the support given them by their parent institutions. Their contributions will be published in the Proceedings as part of vol. 30.

During the year I have attended a number of meetings of a group that originated as a result of a successful "Science Week" held in Ottawa in 1978. There was a suggestion that a similar event be held in Halifax. There seems to be no doubt that some scientific information presented to the public is wrong or exaggerated, but it is unlikely that an event such as that produced in Ottawa is the best way of serving notice on journalists and broadcasters that their information should be accurate if it is not to be exposed as rubbish. It is obvious that the Institute could help in a number of ways and I hope the new Council will give some attention to these matters.

I wish to thank all other members of the Council for their efforts, in a year which has been successful as judged by the Treasurer's, Editor's, and Librarian's reports.

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