

The Appalachian Region is the northern continuation of a long belt of folded strata extending along the eastern side of the United States. It is on the site of a geosyncline that existed mainly in Palæozoic time in which great thicknesses of sedimentary and volcanic strata were laid down. The northwestern boundary of the region is a long curving fault or zone of faults which extends from Lake Champlain at least as far as the Gulf of St. Lawrence and which causes the curved shape of the northern coast of Gaspe. The strata in the Appalachians have been folded and faulted by successive periods of orogeny along axes that strike northeasterly; thus strata of different kinds and ages and belts of intrusive rocks form northeasterly-trending bands, many of which are responsible for the peninsulas, bays and ridges of the region. Three principal periods of orogeny—the Taconic, the Acadian and the Appalachian—have been recognized. The Taconic occurred at the close of the Ordovician, the Acadian during the Devonian, and the Appalachian at the close of the Palæozoic. In Canada the Taconic disturbances were fairly widespread, the Acadian were more so, affecting areas that were previously affected by the Taconic and areas that were not, but the Appalachian orogeny, which was a major feature in parts of the United States, was of minor and local importance.

The Innuitian Region is underlain by moderately-to-intensely folded sedimentary, volcanic and metamorphic rocks of various ages, the oldest being probably Proterozoic and the youngest being Tertiary. Folding occurred at different times and in different directions, some in early Devonian time, some late in the Palæozoic era, and some in Tertiary time. Five fold-belts have been recognized—Cornwallis, Parry Islands, Central Ellesmere, Northern Ellesmere and Eureka Sound. Granitic intrusions have been found in the Northern Ellesmere belt.

Brief sketches of the geological regions together with an outline of geological processes are given in the 1961 Year Book at pp. 1-14. Further information is supplied by *Geology and Economic Minerals of Canada* (\$2, including Map 1045A) and *Prospecting in Canada*; the latter also contains chapters on the principles of geology and on minerals and rocks. The *Geological Map of Canada* (1045A, 50 cents) and *Canada, Principal Mining Areas* (900A) are also recommended. Map 900A is revised annually; one copy is sent free to residents of Canada and additional copies are 25 cents each. These publications may be ordered from the Director, Geological Survey of Canada, together with lists of reports and maps of the Geological Survey of Canada on specific topics and areas, for each province. Other publications are available from provincial departments of mines.

Section 3.—Federal Government Surveying and Mapping*

In Canada, the needs for maps and technical surveys are met largely by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Although not all branches of this Department make surveys and compile maps, most of them are involved in such work either wholly or partly. They compile topographical, geological and aeromagnetic maps, aeronautical and hydrographic charts, electoral and boundary maps, land-use maps, and other special maps. The basis for these maps is provided by geodetic and other control surveys.

The Department is an engineering and research complex. It has a staff of about 4,000, of whom 1,000 are scientists and engineers, and 1,300 are technicians. Each year,

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