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Morrison formation, is about 6 feet. The material described is from a uranium claim, owned by Mr. Irvin Asay, which is located 4 miles east of U. S. 310 on a turn-off about  $13\frac{1}{4}$  miles southeast of Lovell, Wyoming.

The discovery of this second locality suggests that natrojarosite may be of widespread occurrence in the Morrison formation within and around the Big Horn Basin.

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# X-RAY DATA FOR DOLOMITE AND ANKERITE

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Although the structure of dolomite was determined by Wyckoff and Merwin (1924) and by Wasatjerna (1924), the effect of the replacement of magnesium by iron on the cell parameters has remained in doubt. Wyckoff and Merwin examined various specimens of dolomite, two of them having over 10% FeO by weight, and using single crystal photographs they found that the cell sizes were identical within experimental error. Schoklitsch (1935), however, using the powder method, gave values for dolomite with 1.17% FeO of  $a_{rh}$  6.007 Å,\*  $\alpha$  47°32′ or a 4.843, c 15.95 Å on hexagonal axes and for ankerite with 16.43% FeO  $a_{rh}$ 6.062 Å,  $\alpha$  46°58′ or a 4.832, c 16.14 Å; these results indicating that the

<sup>\*</sup> Original values given in kX units have been converted to Å.

c dimension increased with the substitution of the larger ferrous ion for magnesium but that the a dimension decreased.

Two analysed specimens available for study were the Haley dolomite (Harker and Tuttle, 1955) which shows an almost negligible iron content, and an ankerite from the British Coal Measures with a composition approaching  $Ca_3(Mg_2Fe)(CO_3)_6$  (Broadhurst and Howie, 1958): the anal-

	1	2		1A	2A
SiOs	0.12	0.15	$\rm Fe^{+3}$		.002
$\mathrm{TiO}_2$	nil	tr.	$\mathrm{Fe}^{+2}$	.006	.330
$Al_2O_3$	nil	0.28	Mn		.022
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	tr.	0.10	Mg	.973	.626
FeO	0.22	12.06	Ca	1.036	1.024
MnO	nil	0.77	Na		.002
MgO	21.12	12.85	$CO_2$	1.993	1.995
CaO	31.27	29.23			
$Na_2O$	n.d.	0.06	Atomic percentages		
$K_{2}O$	n.d.	0.01			
$\rm CO_2$	47.22	44.70	Mg	48.3	31.2
$H_2O^-$	0.02	0.02	Fe	0.3	16.6
			Mn		1.1
Total	99.97	100.23	Ca	51.4	51.1
D	2.86	2.97			
e	1.503	1.515			
ω	1.680	1,710			

TABLE 1. ANALYSES AND PROPERTIES OF DOLOMITE AND ANKERITE

1. White dolomite, Ross Township, Haley, Ontario (Harker and Tuttle, 1955). Analyst: R. A. Howie.

2. Yellow ankerite, Bed OC 8, Oak Victoria Colliery, Oldham, Lancashire (Broadhurst and Howie, 1958).

1A and 2A. Analyses recalculated to show the number of metal ions on the basis of 6 oxygen ions.

yses of these minerals are given in Table 1, the specific gravity for the dolomite being quoted from Zen (1956). The more iron-rich of these two minerals has been called ankerite following the nomenclature of Smythe and Dunham (1947, p. 66) and of Hey (1955). Palache et al. (1951) recommended that the names dolomite and ankerite should depend on the ratio of Mg to Fe<sup>+2</sup> in the Mg positions, but arbitrarily divided the series at Mg:Fe=1:1, referring material with Mg>Fe to the species dolomite and material with Fe>Mg to the species ankerite. With their nomenclature, the material of analysis 2 would be termed ferroan dolomite. A

disadvantage of this nomenclature is that the term ferroan dolomite is used for material relatively poor in iron whilst the term ferrodolomite has previously been used for the iron end-member  $\text{FeMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ , confusion in terminology may therefore easily arise. A plot of carbonate analyses in the series  $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ - $\text{CaFe}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ , e.g. Hügi (1945), Smythe and Dunham (1947), shows a grouping around the centre of the series in

hkil	hkl	$d(\text{\AA})$	nite I	Anke $d(\text{\AA})$	rite I	hkil	hkt	$d(\hat{A})$	nite I	Anker $d(\text{\AA})$	ite I
1011	100	4.025	15			112,12	543	1.168	20	1.171	3
0112	110	3.690	25	3,704	15	3142	301	1.144	10	1.144	2
1014	211	2.886	500	2.899	500	213,10	532	1.123	25	1.126	3
0006	222	2.670	50	2.685	15	1344	321	*		1.112	3
0115	221	2.540	40	2.552	10	2246)	420				
$11\bar{2}0$	$10\overline{1}$	2.405	50	2.411	15	3039	522	1.096	15	1.099	3
1123	210	2.192	150	2.199	30	000,15	555	1.068	5	1.066	1
$02\bar{2}1$	111	2.066	25	2.067	5	4044	400	1.008	20	1.010	12
2022	200	2.015	75	2.020	15	3148	521	1.001	25	1.003	12
$02\overline{2}4$	220	1.848	25	1.852	5	101,16	655	.9735	15	.976	1
0118	332	1.804	100	1.812	30	303,12	633	.962	25	.966	1
1126	321	1.786	150	}1.792	20	3252	213	.949	5	,953	1
0009	333	1.781	150	1.192	30	3254	411	.930	5	MCC-SCOL.	
2131	$20\bar{1}$	1.567	40	1.569	5	213,14	356	.926	15		
1232	211	1.545	50	1.548	10	4048	044	.923	15		
$10\bar{1}, 10$	433	1.496	10	1.501	2	3255	124	.913	5		
2134	310	1.465	25	1,468	10	4150	312	.909	10		
0228	224	1.445	20	1.449	15	202,16	466	002	5		
1129	432	1.431	50	1.436	5	314,11	632)	. 903	5		
1235	320	1.413	20	1.416	2	224,12	642	. 894	10		
0330	$11\overline{2}$	1:389	75	1.391	5	213,16	754	.845	15	· .	
000, 12	444	1.335	40	1.341	5	112,18	765	.835	20		
2137	421	1.297	20	1.300	2	325,10	631	.821	10		
$02\tilde{2},10$	442	1.269	20	1.273	2	11					
1238	431	1.238	25	1.241	5	11					
2240	202	1.202	15	1,205	2						

TABLE 2. X-RAY SPACINGS, INDICES AND INTENSITIES

\* For dolomite this line was obscured by a line of the Si standard.

line with the accustomed use of the term ankerite. Dolomites with only moderate amounts of ferrous iron are less common, while carbonates with greater than 70% of the  $CaFe(CO_3)_2$  molecule are rare: thus to split the series arbitrarily at 50%  $CaFe(CO_3)_2$  obscures the prevalence of material of this intermediate composition. Accordingly for the material of composition  $Ca_3(Mg_2Fe)(CO_3)_6$  here discussed the name ankerite is preferred.

The x-ray powder data were obtained on the Philips high-angle x-ray diffractometer with  $CuK_{\alpha}$  radiation, using a scanning speed of 0.25° 2 $\theta$  per minute and chart speed of 2.67 cm. per 1° 2 $\theta$ . Silicon was mixed with the powdered carbonate as an internal standard and linearly interpolated

corrections were applied to the  $2\theta$  values measured from the carbonate peaks. The reproducibility of the *d*-spacings finally determined was  $\pm 0.001$  Å. The diffraction pattern obtained was indexed on hexagonal axes using the approximate cell dimensions: after the cell dimensions had been accurately determined from the  $11\overline{2}0$ ,  $03\overline{3}0$ ,  $22\overline{4}0$ , and 0006, 000,12and 000,15 reflections for *a* and *c* respectively the *d*-spacings of all possible reflections up to  $2\theta = 140^{\circ}$  were tabulated and compared with those observed, leading to the complete indexing of the pattern (Table 2). The relative intensities of the reflections are given in terms of peak heights, that of the strong  $10\overline{14}$  reflection being arbitrarily assigned an intensity of 500 in each case to avoid giving fractional values for the high angle reflections. The indices assigned differ in some details from those given to the dolomite-type powder patterns by Bradley et al. (1953).

The accurate cell parameters obtained from the powder data are:

	$a(\text{\AA})$	$c(\text{\AA})$	c/a	$a_{\tau h}(\text{\AA})$	α
Dolomite, Haley, Ontario	$4.810 \pm 0.002$	$16.02 \pm 0.001$	3.330	6.020	$47^{\circ}07'$
Ankerite, Oldham, Lancashire	4.819	16.10	3.341	6,045	47°00′
	S	pace group $R\overline{3}$ .			

The values for dolomite are thus comparable with the results of previous workers. The effect of the substitution of roughly one third of the magnesium ions by the larger ferrous iron ion in the ankerite examined is seen to be an increase in both the a and c dimensions, as might be expected from the structure, but contrary to the results earlier reported by Schoklitsch (1935); the axial ratio c/a also increases.

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#### INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

This association was started with a motion by Professor Buerger at the Minneapolis meeting of the Mineralogical Society of America, November 1, 1956 (Am. Mineral., 42, 1957, 270). A pre-organization meeting was held at Montreal July 16, 1957, in connection with the sessions of the International Union of Crystallography (Am. Mineral., 43, 1958, 352). The inaugural meeting took place at Madrid in the week of April 6, 1958. Here officers were elected, a constitution was adopted, and commissions were set up. All this is described in detail in the Sept. 1958 GeoTimes, a copy of which may be obtained from the American Geological Institute or the writer. A similar description is given (in English) in a Beilage of the Schweizerische Mineralogische und Petrographische Mitteilungen, 38 (1), 1958. Professor Grigoriev of Leningrad has written (in Russian, with five half-tones) about the Madrid meetings and the accompanying field trips (Akad. Nauk, U.S.S.R., Memoirs of the All-Union Mineralogical Society, 87 (4), 1958, 518–525.

The chief object of the I.M.A. is to further international cooperation in the mineralogical sciences. Its members are not individuals, but are the various national mineralogical societies or corresponding bodies. In addition to the work of the various commissions, an important function of the I.M.A. is to see that arrangements are made for programs, including field trips of interest to mineralogists at the International Meetings of the geologists, crystallographers and other scientific groups at which there will be a significant attendance of mineralogists.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.M.A. is scheduled for Zurich, January 19–21, 1959. This committee consists of the five officers and four councilors. In addition the members of the four commissions (abstracts, data, new minerals, and museums) will be in attendance. It is requested that anyone with suggestions for consideration at this meeting send them to President Parker at Zurich, Professor Amoros (Secretary) at Madrid, or the writer (Treasurer).

The next meeting of the association is to be held at Zurich, August 29–September 6, 1959. At this session, besides meetings of the Executive Committee and Delegates and the various Commissions, there will be two symposia and a field trip (Sept. 4–6).

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The Geochemical Society is undertaking the project of issuing an English translation of the Russian journal *Geokhimiya*, which appears eight times yearly. It is being aided by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The translation of the first issue of 1958 has already appeared.

The success of this venture will depend in large part on the response, in the form of subscriptions, from individual scientists. The subscription price is \$20 per year (8 issues); \$10 to educational institutions and to members of the Geochemical Society. Send subscriptions to E. Wm. Heinrich, Managing Editor, Mineralogical Laboratory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX OF LITERATURE ON URANIUM AND THORIUM AND RADIOACTIVE OCCURRENCES IN THE UNITED STATES. PARTS 1-5

The Geological Society of America has published as its Special Paper No. 67 "Bibliography and Index of Literature on Uranium and Thorium and Radioactive Occurrences in the United States. Part 5: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin," prepared by Margaret Cooper of the U. S. Geological Survey on behalf of the Division of Raw Materials of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, September 1958, 472 pages (paper cover), and priced at \$6.75 a copy.

This book contains a section on bibliography (26 pages), a gazetteer for the States (38 pages), a geographical index (243 pages), and a subject index (165 pages). Factually it is a key to the literature on deposits in which uranium, thorium, and radioactive minerals are found in the northeastern United States. For many of the States there is also much detailed information in the indexes on the geology and the general mineralogy of the pegmatites, coal beds, sandstones, shales, beach sands, and other formations in which the uranium and thorium have been repoted.

Parts 1 to 4 of this bibliography were prepared by Margaret Cooper in the Division of Raw Materials of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and published in the Bulletin of the Society. These sections, which also include a bibliography, gazetteer, geographical index, and subject index, with detailed geological information for each area covered, are available as reprints for public sale, as follows:

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### MINERALOGICAL ABSTRACTS

The councils of the Mineralogical Society of America and the Mineralogical Society (Great Britain and Ireland) have agreed to jointly sponsor the publication of Mineralogical Abstracts as a separate publication, commencing with volume 14 for 1959.

The new journal will have a two-column format with a page size of  $(10\frac{3''}{8} \times 7\frac{7''}{8})$  and will contain at the outset about twice the number of abstracts in the present issues. The journal will be published quarterly.

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The price of the new journal to subscribers other than personal members of the two sponsoring societies will be \$9. U. S. per calendar year issue of 4 numbers. There will be a special price of \$6. for educational institutions.\*

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\* The price of the Mineralogical Magazine when separated from Mineralogical Abstracts will be reduced to  $\pounds 2$  10s. 0d. per calendar year issue of 4 numbers.

# ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 1–4, 1959. It is to be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Prospectors and Developers Association and the Geological Association of Canada. For further information write to:

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