BOOK REVIEWS

JOHNSON, PAUL WILLARD, 1965, FIELD GUIDE TO THE GEMS AND MINERALS OF MEXICO (Exclusive of Baja California), Gem-books, Mentone, California, 97 pp., 6 maps, 53 photos, 1 fig., price $2.00.

The principal mineralogy and gemology of the main mining districts on the mainland of Mexico is briefly described. A useful Spanish-English and English-Spanish glossary of gem, mineral and mining terms is included in the appendix.

P. W. JOHNSON


It is appropriate that Daly's classic monograph should be reprinted at a time when the notion of an Earth divided into a lithosphere, mesosphere, and asthenosphere, which he popularized some thirty years ago, has emerged from limbo in a new conception of "dynamical geology" involving the evolution of the large-scale structural features of the Earth.

The useful half-life of a contribution to the literature of any field of science depends on the rate at which new data and ideas are generated in that field. In the three decades since Daly wrote this treatise there has been an explosive growth in new data on the basic physical parameters of the earth, and a revolutionary shift in the perspective from which these are viewed. Consequently, much of the material presented in the book has been relegated to the domain of the history of science, and relatively little remains that is still of primary interest in contemporary "dynamical geology". Nevertheless, as a historical document this book is readable, and it does provide a useful background for appraising currently fashionable ideas on the physical behaviour of the Earth. Moreover, the recent resurrection of the concept of a rigid lithosphere resting upon a more fluid asthenosphere suggests that Daly's capacity for perspicacious observation may be of much more than just historical interest.

In spite of what might be implied by the title, the principal subject of the book is the earth's gravity field and isostasy. The perspective is that of a geologist concerned with the rheological behaviour of the Earth, and the treatment, beginning with a historical review, is exhaustive by 1940 standards.

R. A. PRICE

This is volume one of a series, to appear annually, which will “provide communication between workers in various fields of research on fluid inclusions, using the term in its broad sense to embrace inclusions of any fluid: gas, liquid, melt”. This volume includes abstracts of the papers prepared for the “First International Symposium on Thermodynamic Geochemistry of Endogenic Processes of Ore Formation from Studies of Solution and Melt Inclusions in Minerals” organized by COFFI under the aegis of the International Association of the Genesis of Ore Deposits (IAGOD) which was planned for August 1968 in Prague. The meeting was not held and the abstracts were not published as part of the Geological Congress program.

The volume also includes: for Proceedings of the Second All-Union Conference on Mineralogical Thermometry and Barometry, Novosibirsk, September 1965—volume 1, translated titles and abstracts) and volume 2 (titles), New Methods and Results of Study of Parameters of Ore-Formation (“Nauka” press, Moscow, 1968); Also for Proceedings of the Third All-Union Conference on Mineralogical Thermometry and Barometry, Moscow, September, 1968, translations of selected abstracts and titles from the program volume of 161 abstracts. In selecting the abstracts for translation emphasis was placed on those which were most informative, contained most new data or were apparently not available in other publications.

Those interested in ore-forming fluid investigations are urged to support this new publication which promises to be very useful for disseminating information on progress in this field.

L. G. Berry


The author of this book obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1953 and was trained in the widely respected Rock and Mineral Analyses Laboratory of that University. As Assistant Chief of the Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Economic Geology Division, Geological Survey of Canada he is now responsible for the analytical laboratories, both wet-chemical and instrumental. The book is a detailed and thorough treatment of the many techniques and of the problems to be
faced in this important but difficult field of chemical analysis. It is divided into 12 chapters covering, in part I, Preliminary Considerations: The nature of the analysis; Precision and accuracy; Sampling and sample preparation; The working environment; Decomposition of the sample; in Part II, Methods of Analysis—discussion: silicates; carbonates; others; in Part III Methods of analysis—selected procedures; silicates; carbonates; and in Part IV, Methods of Analysis—special: X-ray emission spectrography; and atomic absorption spectroscopy. Chapters 6 and 9 on silicates constitute the bulk of the book, 185 and 162 pages respectively. These long chapters are broken up into numbered sub-sections, 6.6 magnesium, 6.6.1 gravimetric methods, 6.6.2 titrimetric methods etc. followed by 2 pages of references. The detailed table of contents, and indexes enables the user to locate a section of interest quickly. The style, detailed referencing and the apparent absence of errors leads the reviewer to highly recommend this book as a very carefully prepared compendium on methods used in rock and mineral analysis at the time of writing.

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This reprint presents the first four parts (all that were published) of volume 1 of the American Mineralogical Journal. These four parts, published in a single volume in 1814, were edited by Archibald Bruce, M.D. In a short paper (pages 26–30) the editor establishes the occurrence of native magnesia from Hoboken, New Jersey, later named brucite in his honour by Beudant in 1824. On page 96 the editor gives the first published description of “red oxide of zinc”, from New Jersey. He concludes “this red oxide of zinc—promises to be a valuable acquisition to the manufacturing interest of the United States”. The journal was the first scientific publication of a specialized nature to be printed in North America. The early parts were well received by the scientists of Europe. This encouraged Bruce, however after losing his professorship of Mineralogy and Materia Medica in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the State of New York his health began to fail and he passed away in 1818. He had written many times to his friends, particularly Gibbs and Silliman requesting help in continuing the journal. The journal was in effect continued by Professor Silliman as the well known American Journal of Science (1818 to present).

While Bruce’s journal was a specialized publication at that time it
actually covers a broad range of subjects related to mineralogy and geology: an economic appraisal of lead mines near Northampton Mass., and confirmation of Davy’s electrolytic reduction of soda and potash both by Benjamin Silliman. Gibbs describes the iron works at Franconia New Hampshire, and at Vergennes Vt and his investigation of a mass of soft iron. The volume includes papers on Dutchess County, Rhode Island coal, minerals of Baltimore, and many short notes. Articles from other journals are reprinted, including a report of Cloud’s experiments on palladium; a notice about columbium and a report by Wollaston on the identity of columbium and tantalum. Of interest to Canadians is a brief description the St. Maurice iron-works by William Smith of Quebec. Certainly this reprint will be of great interest to historians of science and should be available in all geological libraries.

L. G. BERRY

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED


MINERALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, National Institute for Metallurgy, Cottesloe, South Africa. Available to persons interested in mineral processing, R1.00 per copy.


MINERALS ROCKS AND GEMSTONES IN CORNWALL AND DEVON, a collectors guide, by Cedric Rogers, D. Bradford Barton Ltd., Truro, Cornwall, 48 pages, 8s6d = £0.43.

PEBBLES ON CORNWALL’S BEACHES, L. C. Ferris, Tor Mark Press, Truro, Cornwall, 28 pages.
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Volumes 1 to 4: These issues appeared as "Contributions to Canadian Mineralogy," and were published as 26 non-consecutive numbers of the Geological Series of the University of Toronto Studies. Those numbers that are still available are for sale at $1.50 each from The Walker Mineralogical Club, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Canada. The 26 issues that constitute Volumes 1 to 4 may also be obtained on microfilm from the same address.

Volume 5: These issues appeared as "Contributions to Canadian Mineralogy" in the American Mineralogist. The seven numbers, one per year from 1949 to 1955, were regular issues of that publication, and will be found in library files of that journal. Additional copies may be ordered from The Mineralogical Society of America.

In 1957 The Mineralogical Association of Canada commenced publication of The Canadian Mineralogist with Volume 6, Part 1. All back issues are available from the Secretary of the Association, and are priced at $5.00 each for individuals, and $7.00 each for institutions.

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