The thirty-first annual meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on May 19-21, 1986, at Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Geological Association of Canada and the Canadian Geophysical Union.

The twelfth MAC short course preceded the meeting. The course was organized by C.M. Scarfe of the University of Alberta and dealt with the topic “Silicate Melts: Their Properties and Structure Applied to Problems in Geochemistry, Petrology, Economic Geology, and Planetary Geology”. In addition, the Mineralogical Association of Canada was one of the sponsors of a symposium on “Sediment-Hosted Stratiform Copper Deposits”, organized by J.A. Coope and A.J. Naldrett, which also preceded the Annual Meeting. During the meeting, the Association sponsored a symposium on “Layered Igneous Rocks” organized by R.F.J. Scoates and J.M. Duke, and sponsored or cosponsored special sessions on “Current Developments in Microanalysis Applied to Mineralogy and Geochemistry” organized by L.J. Cabri and A.G. Plant, “Applied Clay Science” organized by G.J. Ross, and “Hemlo Gold Deposits” organized by K. Hattori. A large number of other technical sessions as well as pre-meeting and post-meeting field trips were also included in the very successful meeting.

L.J. Cabri, Past-President of the Mineralogical Association of Canada, presented his Presidential Address on “The Mineralogy of Precious Metals: New Developments and Metallurgical Developments” on May 20. This was followed by the MAC annual luncheon in the Green Room of the Commons Building, Carleton University. The Past-Presidents’ Medal was presented to Donald F. Sangster of the Geological Survey of Canada in recognition of his significant contributions in the field of ore deposits and economic geology. The Hawley Award for 1986 was presented to Judith B. Moody of the Battelle Memorial Institute, Joe E. Jenkins of Gryngberg Petroleum, and Dann Meyer of IT Corporation for their paper entitled “An Experimental Investigation of the Albition of Plagioclase”, which was judged to be the best paper published in Volume 23 of The Canadian Mineralogist.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on May 20 at 1740 hrs in Room 310, Steacie Building, with 20 members in attendance. Association President H.J. Greenwood opened the meeting by thanking the organizing committee of the Ottawa meeting for its very successful efforts on behalf of the sponsoring societies. In particular he thanked meeting chairman J.A. Donaldson and vice-chairman D.F. Sangster, and C.M. Scarfe, organizer of the MAC short course. Following approval of the Minutes of the 1985 Annual Business Meeting, the Secretary reported that the Membership of the Association had voted in favor of the revised By-Laws, and that the revised By-Laws have been approved by the Ministry for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and hence are now in effect. A.P. Sabina presented the Treasurer’s Report, and referred to the audited financial statements for the 1985 fiscal year. The consolidated non-inventory assets of the Mineralogical Association of Canada amounted to $294,854 at the end of 1985, compared to $239,531 a year earlier. The Membership Committee reported that total membership as of May 6, 1986, stood at 2027, compared to 1990 at the same time last year. R.F. Martin presented the Editor’s Report, and noted that The Canadian Mineralogist is now published in March, June, September, and December. He reported that abstracts for the Symposium on Sediment-Hosted Stratiform Copper Deposits were published in the March issue, funded by a grant from the Geological Survey of Canada, and that approximately half of the papers in the June issue result from the Special Session on Applied Mineralogy in Science and Technology at the Fredericton ’85 meeting. The December issue is a special issue dedicated to R.B. Ferguson, one of the founders of the Mineralogical Association of Canada. The President summarized plans for future meetings of the Association. The 1987 meeting will be held in Saskatoon, with L.C. Coleman of the University of Saskatchewan as Vice-Chairman, and will be preceded by a MAC short course on “Stable Isotope Geochemistry of Low-Temperature Fluids” organized by T.K. Kyser of the University of Saskatchewan. The 1988 meeting is scheduled for St. John’s, and the Vice-Chairman is C.J.S. Rivers of Memorial University of Newfoundland. Future annual meetings are planned for Montreal in 1989, Vancouver in 1990, and Toronto in 1991. L.J. Cabri displayed the Association’s new Berry Medal, to be awarded for the first time in 1987 for distinguished service to the Mineralogical Association of Canada. Complete minutes of the Annual Meeting may be obtained from the Secretary.

S.M. Barr
Secretary