

THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The Walker Mineralogical Club was formed on January 14, 1938, and named in honour of Professor Emeritus T. L. Walker who had been Professor of Mineralogy and Petrography in the University of Toronto (1901–1937) and Director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Mineralogy (1912–1937). The late Professor A. L. Parsons (1873–1957) was responsible for its organization and became its first President. The Club was formed for the purpose of encouraging scientific (pure and applied) Mineralogy in Canada and of providing a means of presenting and publishing the results of such research in a collected form. The development of the Club made possible the expanded numbers of the "Contributions to Canadian Mineralogy" as part of the *University of Toronto Studies* under the editorship of Professor Parsons and the late Professor M. A. Peacock until 1948 when the University of Toronto withdrew their support from the Studies. Through the kindness of the Council of the Mineralogical Society of America, the "Contributions to Canadian Mineralogy" continued to appear annually as part of the *American Mineralogist* until 1955. Separate copies of this number were purchased for distribution to the members of the Walker Mineralogical Club.

In 1946 a Prize and Publication Fund was set up and in February 1947 a "One hundred dollars cash prize" was offered by the Club for the best scientific paper submitted by a graduate student. Late in 1950 the Club renamed the prize the "Peacock Memorial Prize" in honour of Professor M. A. Peacock. The Club continues to offer this prize, which has been increased to \$200, every two years. The conditions governing its award are reprinted below.

The Club holds monthly meetings, including a students' night, during the winter and arranges collecting trips to mineral localities in May and October. The Club does much to foster popular interest in Mineralogy and to bring together amateur mineralogists and lapidaries.

Inquiries should be addressed to, The Secretary, Walker Mineralogical Club, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto 5, Ontario. Dues are \$2.50 per year. Back numbers of most of the "Contributions to Canadian Mineralogy" may also be obtained from this address.