

The Last Billion Years: a dream approaches reality

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The concept of a generally readable book on the geology of the Maritime Provinces, written for the non-expert, was first mooted at the 1995 AGS Colloquium in Antigonish. Initial progress was slow, but by the end of the year a Committee had determined the feasibility of the project and drawn up a preliminary outline. Everyone agreed that the book must include superb graphics and photographs, primarily in full colour. Text is important but the illustrations are what will attract most potential readers. Today, two years later, what have we accomplished besides holding meetings? We have raised \$15,525 towards the cost of preparing camera-ready copy and print-

ing the book. We have a fourth draft of the text outlining the geological evolution of our region. As well, we have some outstanding dioramas and scenic photographs, several new geological maps, impressionist-like plate reconstructions, excellent line drawings of fossils and some imaginative schematics. Perhaps the most encouraging development, however, has been the support of the geological communities in all three provinces. With this and continuing financial support, we hope to go to press in 1999 with a publication worthy of the new millennium.