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The only branch of economic geology which is at present receiving adequate attention is Mining geology, and especially the geology of metallic deposits. It is planned to expand this to properly include non-metallics and to provide an adequate course in engineering geology as soon as space facilities and teaching materials are available. The geology and economic availability of coal, oil, and water supply are treated in only a few lectures at present, although there are many more geologists working on one or other of these for the United States Geological Survey than are on the whole staff of the Geological Survey of Canada, besides the host of geologists working for private companies.

The department at McGill must consolidate and thoroughly equip the courses it is able to offer under present conditions before tackling these other courses. In that connection the outstanding needs are for systematic collections of ores from typical mining districts for study and comparison; much of the material now available has been collected incidentally and merely represents the outstanding or conspicuous ores. A further pressing requirement is equipment for the study of polished ores. A start has been made in that work this year at the request of the department of Mining, but facilities for preparing the specimens, and microscopes, etc. for this particular kind of investigation are quite inadequate. This subject, mineralography, has only come into prominence during the last few years and this