

announce the somewhat sudden death of one of our members, Mr. N. J. Giroux, of the Canadian Geological Survey, Ottawa, which occurred at his father's house in River Beaudette, Province of Quebec, on the 30th day of November, 1896. Mr. Giroux was held in high esteem by all his confreres on the staff, and aside from the general feeling of regret at his unexpected death, his loss at this time is especially unfortunate, since the results of his last two years' work in the interesting area between the lower Ottawa and the Saint Lawrence, in the study of which he has recently been engaged, were nearly ready for publication and would have made a very valuable contribution to our knowledge of this interesting field, both as regards the distribution and the fossil contents of the Paleozoic formations of the Ottawa basin.

Mr. Giroux was born at River Beaudette on October 22, 1859. He graduated from l'Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal, in affiliation with Laval University, in 1880, taking the degree of C.E. from that institution and the gold medal for standing in his year. After a year in the North-west Territories, in connection with the Dominion Lands Survey, he was engaged as assistant engineer on the Grenville Canal, leaving that work in 1883 to join the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada as assistant to Dr. Ells. In this capacity he did much excellent work for some years, and in 1890 took charge of surveys in the rough countries north of the Saint Lawrence, in the vicinity of the Saint Maurice waters. After three years in this arduous field he took charge of his last field of work, to the south of the lower Ottawa river, which he was rapidly bringing to completion when his labours were cut short by his death.

Mr. Giroux's principal publications have appeared in his summary reports of progress, which are issued in connection with the annual reports of the Geological Survey. The five volumes, 1891-1897, contain his writings. Among other papers is