

Annotated Catalogue of and Guide to the Publications of the Geological Survey of Canada, 1845-1917.

INTRODUCTION.

The first volume of reports of the Geological Survey (for 1843) was issued in 1845 under the title "Report of Progress", which was retained for subsequent volumes until 1884. In 1885 the title of the volumes was changed to "Annual Report (new series)" and continued until 1907, when, with the publication of vol. XVI (for 1904), the bound volumes in English were discontinued, those in French having ended with vol. XII (for 1899). Nearly all reports contained in vols. I-XVI have also been issued as separates.

After the discontinuance of the annual volumes all publications were issued separately at irregular intervals and since 1910 are mostly included in the series of "Memoirs" and "Museum Bulletins" commenced in 1910 and 1913, respectively.

The publication of an annual Summary Report in separate form, commenced in 1885, has been continued to date.

In addition to the Reports of Progress, Annual Reports, Summary Reports, Memoirs, and Museum Bulletins, numerous separate reports and special publications have also been issued.

The catalogue includes the publications of the Geological Survey from its inception to August 1, 1917. It is not intended to take the place of a detailed index, but by listing as fully as possible the contents of each publication as derived from titles, by the insertion of notes, and by classified finding lists (accompanied by index maps) in which attention is directed to the scope of a report, it is hoped that the means has been provided for readily obtaining any desired information.

In this work former catalogues have been disregarded and the particulars obtained from the publications themselves.

Numerous explanatory notes have been inserted and an endeavour has also been made to give information regarding such matters as editions, official reprints, errors, etc., which may be useful to librarians and others in indexing and arranging the reports and maps.

In listing contents of publications it has not been thought necessary for the purposes of this catalogue to adhere strictly to the rules of cataloguing. In the past there has been such a diversity of systems of pagination and nomenclature of illustrations that detailed particulars and explanations would be complex and confusing. Regarding illustrations, the numbered maps and diagrams, folding sheets, errata slips, etc. in each publication are specified, as, through errors in binding, copies of volumes and separates occasionally lack some of these. The total number