

## PREFACE

The Eleventh Clay Minerals Conference of the Clay Minerals Committee of the National Research Council, at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, began the second decade of annual discussions, by scientists from many diverse professions, of the problems presented by that UBIQUITOUS material, clay. Because of the vigorous, continuing interest, the National Research Council has suggested that the group organize a society rather than continue as a committee. In keeping with their suggestion the Clay Minerals Society was chartered in Washington D.C., July 18, 1962 and Membership in this new society will be available after the Conference at Atlanta, Georgia in October 1963.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Canada Department of Agriculture, Canada Department of Mines and Technical Surveys and the National Research Council of Canada, our Canadian colleagues organized the first conference outside of the United States. The beautiful capital city of Ottawa, with its warmly hospitable atmosphere, was made even more pleasant by the careful organization of the local committee under the leadership of S. A. Forman and his colleagues, J. E. Brydon, A. T. Prince, J. G. Brady, D. B. Waddell, E. Penner, M. K. Ward, and J. E. Gillott.

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