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Dr. Edward Wigglesworth, for twenty years director of the Boston Society of Natural History, has resigned to become Eastern director of the Gemological Institute of America and chairman of its educational advisory board. The gemological laboratory at 69 Newbury Street, Boston, will be under his direction. This is the second gemological laboratory of the institute, the first having been conducted in Los Angeles since 1933.

Mr. Edward W. Nuffield of the University of Vancouver has been appointed Teaching Fellow in Mineralogy at Stanford University for the year 1940-41.

NEW MINERAL NAMES

Norilskite

O. E. ZVIAGINCEV, New mineral species of the platinum group. *Compt. Rend. (Doklady) Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S.* **26**, No. 8, 788-791 (1940).

NAME: From the Norilsk copper-nickel deposits.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: An alloy of platinum with iron, nickel and copper. Analysis: Insol. 0.40, S 0.71, Pt. 35.50, Pd 3.57, Fe 25.30, Ni 25.64, Cu 9.28. Sum 100.40.

OCCURRENCE: Found in placers near the Norilsk copper-nickel sulfide ore deposits with grains of other palladium-platinum alloys containing variable amounts of Fe, Ni and Cu.

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