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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, 1954

January 21, 1954. The financial report for the year 1953 was presented by the Secretary—Balance on hand in Ordinary Account—\$781.99; balance on hand in Prize Fund Account—\$4.01; Bonds for Prize Fund Account held in safekeeping—\$2700. Dr. Wm. Gross, lecturer in the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Toronto, spoke on “Some Geological Aspects of Africa” and illustrated his talk with colour slides.

February 18. Three graduate students from the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Toronto addressed the Club. R. Arnold spoke on “Remarks on the Mineralogy and Origin of Blind River Conglomerates”; G. Perrault, “Minerals of the Proterozoic Rocks of the Labrador Trough”; G. Harper, “Distribution of Radioactive Minerals in Rocks of the Athabaska Area.”

March 11. Members inspected their display of minerals and lapidary work on exhibit in the rotunda of the Royal Ontario Museum for the month of March. C. V. G. Phipps was speaker of the evening, his topic being “Mineral Collecting in Eastern United States.” Colour slides and mineral specimens were shown.

April 14. In preparation for the annual Spring Field Trip to the Niagara Falls area, M. Seward spoke on the minerals to be found there and exhibited specimens; W. A. Tovell explained the “Geology of the Niagara Escarpment”; P. A. Peach discussed “The Minerals of the Niagara Area and their Origin”; D. H. Gorman spoke on “Field Identification of Minerals, Based on their Simple Physical Characteristics.” Members then withdrew to a laboratory where they were able to carry out tests on various minerals.

May 15. Members gathered at the rock dumps near Niagara Falls for their annual Spring Field Trip. Calcite, gypsum, fluorite and dolomite were collected.

October 8 to 11. The eighth annual Fall Field Trip was held north of Kingston with headquarters at Westport. Quartz, calcite and graphite were collected at the Lyndhurst Quartz Crystal Mine; blue calcite, apatite and biotite at the Silver Queen Mine; tourmaline at Verona, peristerite near Holleford and tremolite and feldspar at the Richardson Mine.

November 18. This was Auction Night, with minerals sold both by auction and sale. Lucky draws were held and door prizes were given out. An on-the-spot identification service was also featured. Refreshments were served.

December 16. Dr. W. W. Moorhouse, Associate Professor of Geology, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Toronto, spoke on “A Busman’s Holiday in Britain and Scandinavia” and illustrated his talk with colour slides. Minerals and rocks collected on his trip were also shown.

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MRS. HELEN BUSH, *Secretary*

* Founded in 1938 and named in honour of the late Professor T. L. Walker (1867–1942), then Professor Emeritus of Mineralogy and Petrography in the University of Toronto and Director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Mineralogy. The by-laws of the Club were published in *Am. Mineral.* **34**, 469, 1949.