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Editorial

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With work well advanced on the fourth issue of the *Journal* we are approaching completion of the first volume. The launching of any new journal often involves a 'chicken-and-egg' situation. Researchers would often prefer to have their papers published in established journals; but how does a new journal become established without a steady flow of papers? The *Nuclear Journal of Canada* is fortunate in having the support of a large number of people in the nuclear field in Canada and elsewhere, and in being able to draw on the many excellent papers presented at conferences and seminars sponsored by the Canadian Nuclear Society.

Conference papers often describe work in progress. For a journal paper it is usually best to complete the work; the resulting paper is then essentially a different paper from the earlier one. In order to cater to the wide interests of the *Journal's* readership it is appropriate to include a couple of broad review papers in each issue. As the *Journal* becomes more firmly established, it is planned to increase the proportion of original research papers in each issue. Word-of-mouth and personal contact are the most effective ways of promoting the

Journal. All of our readers should consider the *Journal* as the first place to send their papers for possible publication, and to urge their colleagues to do likewise.

Although, during its first year, the *Nuclear Journal of Canada* has published papers on a wide range of subjects, including food irradiation, the Chernobyl accident, medical applications, reactor design and operation, health risks, waste management, etc., there are other areas that have not been covered. In the next issue we expect to have our first paper in the fusion energy field, but we have still to receive our first paper in the uranium area.

In order to encourage reports of preliminary work, extensions of previously reported work, and shorter papers on a wide range of technical items, it is planned to start a Technical Notes section in the *Journal*. Normal length would be in the range of 500 to 4,000 words, compared to the full papers of 5,000 words and more. Items for inclusion in this section should be typed, double-spaced, on plain paper. Abstracts are not required. The original and two copies should be addressed to the Editor, *Nuclear Journal of Canada*, 111 Elizabeth Street - 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5G 1P7. Submissions for inclusion in the Technical Notes section will be subject to a less formal review process.