

## FOREWORD

It is with the deepest regret that the editors record the accidental death of three members of the Norwegian-British-Swedish Expedition to Dronning Maud Land. They wish to express their sincere sympathy with the families of B. Ekström, J. E. Jelbart, and L. A. Quar, and for the other members of the expedition, who are now passing their second antarctic winter at Maudheim. The expedition's work will inevitably be made more difficult by this unforeseen tragedy.

The frontispiece of this issue is a portrait of T. H. Manning, reproduced here as a tribute to his work in the Canadian Arctic since 1936. The brief factual note on p. 256 about his latest expedition to Foxe Basin during the summer of 1949 does not adequately convey the magnitude of this remarkable achievement, or of his important additions to knowledge of this area. Probably no one has contributed so much in recent years to the development of the technique of arctic exploration by small and well-planned expeditions.

The aim of the editors has been to publish the *Polar Record* at a low price, while increasing the size of the journal and the number of maps and illustrations it contains. To achieve this, the journal has been subsidized and the increased cost of production has not been passed on to the reader. There is now too wide a gap between the cost of production and receipts from the sales of the *Polar Record*. The decision has therefore been taken, with great reluctance, to raise the price to seven shillings and sixpence for each issue. By doing this the editors hope to reduce the size of the present subsidy to reasonable proportions, and at the same time to meet increasing costs of production.

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