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FOREWORD

The Editor again regrets that the circumstances of the war prevent him from publishing details of or even making reference to the immense amount of activity now going on in the Arctic. A rich harvest of information will be available in due course, but in the meantime our readers will, we trust, be content with such notes and extracts as are permitted.

Readers of *The Polar Record* will be glad to hear that there is prospect of the Institute building being returned to us early in 1945. Its occupation for Government purposes has naturally disturbed some of our usual activities but these can be resumed at fairly short notice as soon as the necessary repairs can be effected.

In spite of difficulties of transport the Institute continues to receive with gratitude gifts of reports, charts, maps, equipment samples and even souvenirs. We would like to mention in particular the receipt from the Department of Mines and Resources in Ottawa of about 120 reports and a large number of maps.