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This special issue of the New Brunswick Museum's magazine was published as accompaniment to a special exhibition commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of George Frederic Matthew. Matthew was by profession a civil servant, working in the Custom House of St. John, New Brunswick for most of his life and ultimately attaining the position of Chief Clerk and Surveyor. By avocation, however, he was a geologist and archaeologist, publishing over 150 papers in those fields and assembling a fine collection of fossils, long housed in the Museum but only now coming to be properly displayed. He was a charter member of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick and served as its first curator -appropriately enough, in view of the careful fashion in which he labeled and boxed his own collections.

Matthew contributed to many fields of geology and paleontology, adding considerably to the knowledge of the lower Paleozoic stratigraphy and fossils (especially trilobites and brachiopods) of New Brunswick and studying that Province's Carboniferous plants, insects and vertebrate footprints. His contributions in the latter field were the highest achievements of the first phase of study of Canada's Paleozoic terrestrial palaeoichnology.

This attractive publication serves as an introduction to the work of an undeservedly almost forgotten figure. (His son, the vertebrate paleontologist William Diller Matthew, is better known). It is well illustrated, with his portraits (one forming the magazine cover), photographs of memorabilia and excellent pictures of fossils from his collections, in particular trilobites and amphibian footprints. All interested in the history of Canadian geology or the development of Paleozoic studies in this continent will find this publication of value.

William A. S. Sarjeant

For a biography of James Eights (1798-1882), Albany NY naturalist, I need information on who commissioned his nearly 20 drawings of fossils (mostly trilobites) now at Albany Institute of History & Art and if the drawings, annotated in a French hand, were ever published. Daniel Mckinley, Biology 126, SUNY-A, Albany, NY 12222

Sept. 19-23 - Intl Symposium on "Engineering Geology as related to the Study, Preservation and Protection of Ancient Works, Monuments and Historical Sites" sponsored by the Greek Committee of Engineering Geologists of the International Association of Engineering Geology (IAEG), Athens, Greece. mtg., field trip and post-symposium excursions to historical sites and archaeological monuments with Engineering Geology interest through continental Greece, Crete and the islands (Peloponnese, Knossos, Athos, etc.) Official languages of the Symposium - English, French & Greek. Contact: Greek Committee of Engineering Geology, 1988 Symposium Secretariat, P.O. Box 19140, GR-117 10 Athens, GREECE. Telex: 45 4312 POLX (c/o Prof. Paul G. Marinos).

Sept. 23-25 - History of Geomorphology Conference, Canada. Contact: Dr. K. J. Tinkler, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 3A1. Telephone (416)688-5550.

Oct. 31-Nov. 3 - Centennial Meeting, Geological Society of America, History of Geology Division Symposium on "History of the Establishment of a Geologic Framework for Human Evolution," Denver, Colorado. Contact: Dr. Leo F. Laporte, Earth Sciences, Applied Sciences Building, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

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March 28-April 9 - "The Murchison Symposium: An International Symposium on the Silurian System," sponsored by the Subcommission on Silurian Stratigraphy, The Palaeontological Association, The Geological Society of London. University of Keele, U.K. Convenors: Dr. M. G. Bassett, Department of Geology, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff CF1 3NP, U.K. Telephone: (0222) 397951 and Dr. P.D. Lane.

<u>July 9-19</u> - 28th International Geological Congress, Washington, D.C. USA. Contact: Dr. Bruce B. Hanshaw, Secretary General, 28th International Geological Congress, P.O. Box 1001, Herndon, VA 22070-1001 USA. Telephone 703648-6053. Telex: 248418

Aug. 1-9 - XVIIIth International Congress of the History of Science to be held in Hamburg and Munich, Federal Republic of Germany. General theme: "Science and Political Order (Wissenschaft und Staat)" intended to comprise all facets of the relations between science (technology and medicine) and the numerous forms of political order. Symposia, Scientific Sections and Poster Sessions. Chairman, National Program Committee: Prof. Fritz Krafft (Fachbereich Mathematik, Staudinger Weg 9, D-6500 Mainz, F.R. of Germany. Chairman, Organizing Committee: Prof. Christoph J. Scriba, Institut fur Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften, Bundesstr. 55, D-2000 Hamburg 13, F.R. of Germany.

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