

Editor's Note

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The introduction of yet another journal into what must be one of the greatest growth industries in the world needs some explanation.

Our reasons, briefly, are as follows: There are almost as many neurologists, neurosurgeons, and neuroscientists in Canada as in the United Kingdom. Most of these people are University based and/or affiliated with teaching hospitals. Many are engaged full or part time in research, basic or clinical, and being academically inclined they produce scientific papers. At the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences meeting in Banff in 1972 about eighty papers were presented, and the number increases each year.

There are first class neurological journals published in many countries, none in Canada. Consequently, original Canadian work is destined for American, British or Scandinavian journals where a good paper will eventually get published. Now is an appropriate time to introduce a Canadian forum for the work being done in this country. This reasoning may be nationalistic, but perhaps a little pride in our accomplishments is overdue.

Another aim of this journal is to publish as much basic science work as possible. Clinicians probably do not read the basic literature or attend basic science meetings as much as they should. Yet, all clinical meetings seem to be improved by a liberal proportion of basic science papers. Therefore the editorial and advisory boards welcome papers in neuroanatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology and all the other related disciplines.