Surficial Geology

**VERTICAL GEOLOGY OF MAINE**

Common geologic features that the sur face is now covering probably occurred over several million years. Pleistocene deposits of Pleistocene age or older are present in most areas of the state. These deposits include both glacial and glacial-marine sediments. Glacial sediments are divided into two categories: glacial drift and glacial outwash. The most recent "Ice Age" in Maine began about 30,000 years ago, with the maximum ice advance occurring about 20,000 years ago. During this time, a large ice sheet from Canada covered most of the state, reaching from the northern New England states to just north of the Canadian border.

**Sources of Information**