

Diagrammatic cross-sections along lines A-B, C-D, and E-F

LEGEND

GEOLOGICAL SERIES

SHEET 11

- PROTEROZOIC**
- ORDOVICIAN**
- LOWER ORDOVICIAN**
- 12 Sandstone and shale
- CAMBRIAN**
- MIDDLE AND UPPER (7) CAMBRIAN**
- 11 Red, green, grey, and black slate; minor limestone
- LOWER CAMBRIAN**
- 10 Red and green slate, red limestone; minor red sandstone and conglomerate
- 9 RANDOM FORMATION: white to green and red quartzite
- 8 HODGEWATER GROUP (5-8)  
SNOWS POND FORMATION: green to grey siltstone and silty slate; minor red siltstone
- 7 WHITEWAY FORMATION: red sandstone, siltstone, and silty slate
- 6 HALLS TOWN FORMATION: green sandstone and siltstone; minor slate
- 5 CARBONIFEROUS FORMATION: grey slate and siltstone
- 3, 4, 3 CONCEPTION GROUP (3, 4)  
3 Green silt and late minor siltstone  
4 HIBBS HOLE FORMATION: red silty slate and siltstone; minor green slate
- HARBOUR MAIN GROUP**
- 1 Acidic to basic lava flows and pyroclastic rocks  
2 Red to green conglomerate, sandstone, and slate

- ARCTICAN OR PRE-CAMBRIAN**
- Diabase dykes, etc.

- Rock outcrop, area of outcrop
- Bedding (horizontal, etc.)
- Fault (vertical, etc.)
- Anticlinal axis (vertical, etc.)
- Synclinal axis (vertical, etc.)
- Glacial striae
- Fossil locality
- Quarry
- Mineral prospect or occurrence

Geology by R.D. Hutchinson, 1951, 1952. *Geology of Bell and Kellys Islands from Map 1018A*, by E.R. Rose (1952)

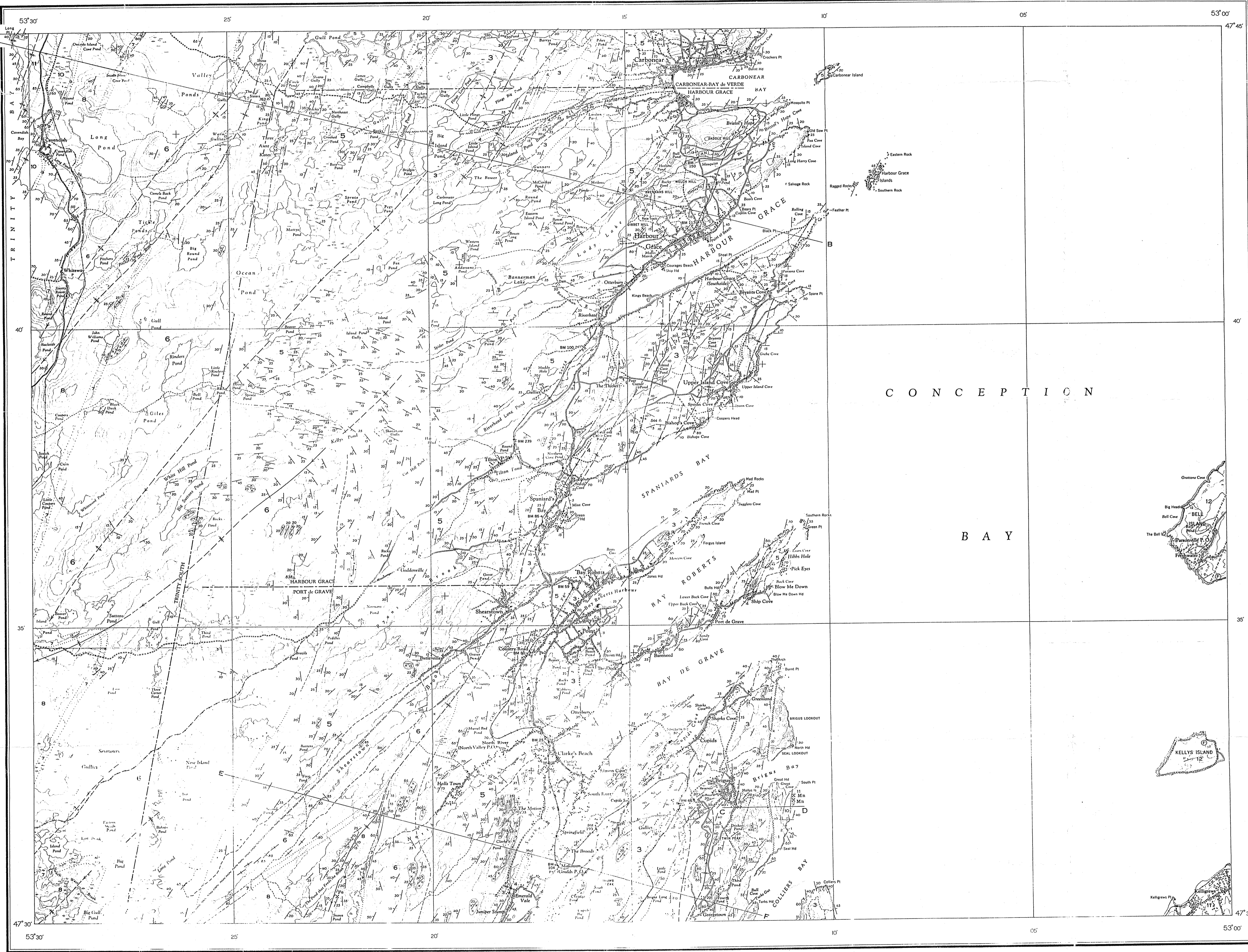
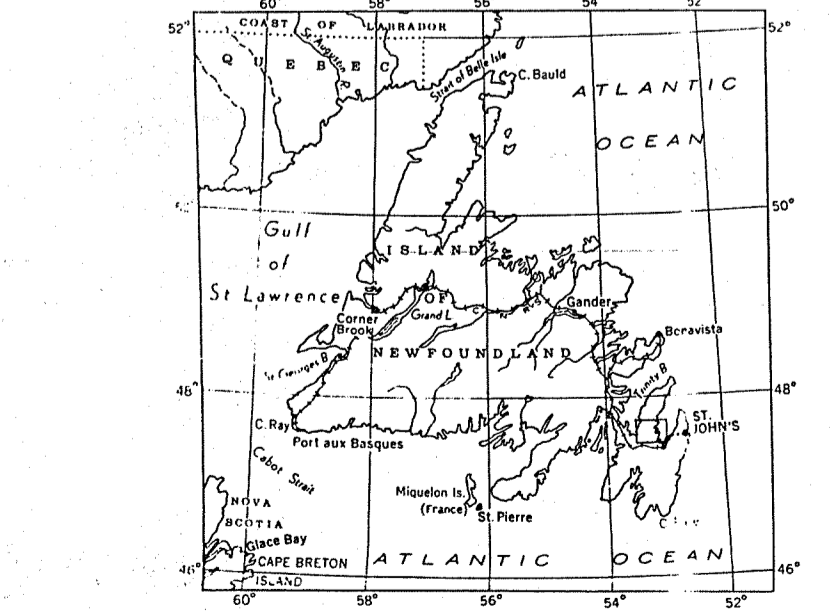
Cartography by the Geological Cartography Division, 1954

- Main highway
- Road and buildings
- Road not well travelled
- Tractor route
- Trail
- Abandoned railway
- Cutting and embankment
- Power transmission line
- Bridge
- Church
- School
- Post Office
- Cemetery
- Light-house wharf
- Transmission station
- Power house
- Water boundary
- Intermittent stream
- Mudflat
- Sand or gravel
- Hurtle cliff or escarpment
- Red rock or small island
- Contours (above 50 feet)
- Height in feet above mean sea level

Base map engraved and drawn by the Survey and Mapping Branch

Air photographs covering this map-area may be obtained through the National Air Photographic Library, Topographical Survey, Ottawa, Ontario

Approximate magnetic declination, 28° West



DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Harbour Grace map-area forms part of Bay de Verde Peninsula, between Conception and Trinity Bays. Eastern and central parts are rugged, with numerous bedrock ridges projecting through the thin cover of glacial drift. The land rises to an elevation of more than 800 feet in the central part of the area, from where it slopes westward into a series of lower, rolling hills, composed of glacial drift. Bedrock is obscured in the western part of the area, except along the shore of Trinity Bay and on some of the larger streams, where erosion has removed the glacial drift.

The oldest rocks comprise the Harbour Main volcanic and sedimentary group (1, 2), which outcrops in the southeast part of the area. They are predominantly volcanic in origin, and include both lava flows and pyroclastic rocks. The lavas range in composition from basaltic and andesitic to rhyolitic. Coarse agglomerate beds are numerous, and with them are intercalated some finer, siliceous, luffaceous shales (2).

Rocks of the Conception group (3) underlie most of the southeastern part of the map-area, and outcrop in the core of a dome west of Carbonear. At Marysvalde harbour, the lowest bed is a coarse conglomerate, resting unconformably on Harbour Main rocks. It consists entirely of boulders of volcanic rocks up to 3 feet in diameter in a sandy matrix. Most of the Conception group is composed of greenish, waxy-looking siltstone and siltstone. A succession of red siltstone and slate, near the top of the group, forms a useful horizon marker, and is mapped separately as the Halls Town formation (6).

A thick, conformable series of post-Conception sedimentary formations, the Hodgewater group (5-8), underlies most of the central and western parts of the map-area. The Carbonear formation (9) of grey to black, well-bedded, silty sandstone, at the base of the group, rests conformably on Conception rocks. It is overlain by the Halls Town formation (6), consisting of at least 2,800 feet of green sandstone, siltstone, and minor slate. The massive sandstone beds outcrop as sharp rocky ridges, which are prominent in the central part of the map-area. The succeeding Whiteaway formation (7), about 300 feet thick, is composed of red sandstone, and siltstone, with minor slate and fine conglomerate. Overlying it is the uppermost formation of the Hodgewater group, the Snows Pond formation (8), consisting of green to grey, wavy-bedded siltstone and silty shale, with some red beds.

The late Proterozoic Random formation (9) of white to green quartzite does not outcrop within the map-area, but is probably concealed beneath glacial drift in the northwest corner, along Trinity Bay. It is exposed north and west of the map-area, where it is believed to overlie the Hodgewater rocks with angular discordance.

Cambrian rocks occupy two small areas near Brigus, on Conception Bay, and outcrop along the shore of Trinity Bay from Cavendish to the northern boundary of the area. Near Brigus, they rest unconformably upon the Harbour Main rocks, and include both Lower (10) and Middle Cambrian (11) formations. The Lower Cambrian strata comprise red and green shales and limestone, whereas the Middle Cambrian beds are black, manganeseiferous shales. On Trinity Bay, the Cambrian rocks rest with angular discordance, but probably conformably, upon Random beds.

Lower Cambrian strata (10) consist of red and green slate and limestone, whereas the Middle Cambrian (11) is represented by red to green and black slate, with grey limestone stringers and nodules. Some Upper Cambrian beds may be included with this map-unit.

Structurally, the region is characterized by large-scale, fairly open folds, high-angle faults, and low-grade regional metamorphism. Two periods of folding and faulting occurred, one in late Proterozoic and the other in post-Cambrian time.

Gold is reported to occur in quartz veins cutting rocks of the Conception group near Brigus, but none was seen by the writer. On Brigus South Point, a 5-foot bed of manganeseiferous shale in Middle Cambrian rocks was investigated in the early 1940s as a possible source of manganese, but no development was undertaken. An iron deposit occurs in a shear zone cutting Halls Town rocks near Snows Pond, but it is too small to be of economic interest.

Cambrian limestone deposits along the east shore of Trinity Bay have a composition suitable for the manufacture of Portland cement, but the available tonnage is small. Rocks of the Halls Hole formation are quarried and crushed for road metal north of Clarke's Beach, and numerous pits in the sandstone deposits provide gravel for road construction and other uses. Extensive peat bogs represent a possible future fuel resource.

HARBOUR GRACE  
NEWFOUNDLAND

Scale: One Inch to One Mile 1:63,360



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