

## PREFACE

This publication continues the series of annual Reports of Activities begun in 1974, in which the Mineral Development Division summarizes work on its projects in progress. The reports contained in this publication have changed over the years, from short statement of activities to fairly lengthy reports on the results of geoscientific studies. This change is reflected this year in a new title - "Current Research."

Most of the reports describe work carried out under the Canada-Newfoundland Mineral Development Subsidiary Agreement. This Agreement consists of a five year program (1976-1981) of studies funded by the federal Departments of Energy, Mines & Resources (45%), Regional Economic Expansion (45%) and the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador (10%). Reports 8a & b, 13a & b, 21b and 23 describe work funded entirely by the Province.

The past year has been a significant one for the Mineral Development Division in a number of areas. It has seen the completion of regional mapping in the major areas of supracrustal sequences in Labrador (the Labrador Trough and the Central Mineral Belt); regional mapping in Labrador will henceforth concentrate on the metamorphic terrains of Grenville and Churchill Provinces. This past year has also seen the initiation of metallogenic studies, aimed at relating mineral occurrences to the geological picture indicated by the mapping programs (Report 9). It is our hope that such studies will continue as a follow-up to the mapping programs in a number of areas.

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