

PREFACE

This publication is the ninth in the Mineral Development Division's annual Report of Activities series.

The past year has been a significant and historic one for the Division, in that it has seen the completion of regional geochemical surveys on the island of Newfoundland, and the completion of field work under the Canada-Newfoundland Mineral Development Subsidiary Agreement. Regional geochemical studies were begun in Newfoundland in 1972, with a pilot project in the Daniel's Harbour and Point Leamington areas. This year's survey of the Great Northern Peninsula thus completes a 10-year program of regional lake sediment surveys in insular Newfoundland.

The Mineral Development Division has been operating under the Canada-Newfoundland Mineral Development Subsidiary Agreement since 1976. This Agreement provided for a five-year program of geoscientific studies, to be funded on a 90% Federal - 10% Provincial cost-shared basis. The Agreement ends on March 31, 1982. The 1981 field season thus marked the end of field work under this cost-shared program.

The past five years under the Mineral Development Agreement have been very productive for the Mineral Development Division; the Division has grown considerably over that period and has made significant contributions to the geoscientific data base for Newfoundland. Although the Mineral Development Agreement will not be renewed in its present form, negotiations are continuing with the Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources toward a new co-operative geoscientific program, and the Province has provided thirteen new positions for the Division. There is thus every indication that the work begun under the Agreement will continue.

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