

PREFACE

This publication continues the series of annual reports initiated by the Mineral Development Division of the Newfoundland Department of Mines in 1974. The forty reports contained herein present the preliminary results of the 1988 research program. Final results will be published later, as individual reports on each project.

The Mineral Development Division, which has in fact functioned as a geological survey since 1972, was renamed the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and raised to Branch status in a major reorganization of the Newfoundland Department of Mines, late in 1988. This report is the first Current Research published under the new name. It marks the reinstatement of the Geological Survey of Newfoundland, originally established in 1864 under Alexander Murray, and a return to a publication series bearing that name after a lapse of thirty years.

Many of the projects described herein were funded under the Canada—Newfoundland Mineral Development Agreement (1984-1989). The publication also includes abstracts of reports on work carried out under the Agreement by the Geological Survey of Canada. These reports will be published in the GSC Current Research (GSC Rept. 89-1); we thank GSC for permission to publish the abstracts here.

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