## **PREFACE**

This publication presents the preliminary results of the 1991 research program of the Geological Survey Branch of the Newfoundland Department of Mines and Energy.

Major features of the 1991 program include the initiation of a new bedrock-mapping project in northernmost Labrador, beginning of a pilot project to add geophysical data in mineral-assessment files to the digital geophysical database, start of a new Quaternary mapping project in western Labrador, release of a new microcomputer version of the Mineral Occurrence Data System (MODS), and publication of a new industrial-minerals map for the Island of Newfoundland.

About a third of the 1991 program was funded under the Canada—Newfoundland Cooperation Agreement on Mineral Development (1990-1994), which was signed in October, 1990. The Geological Survey of Canada also carried out a number of projects in the province under the Agreement. Full reports on these projects will be published in the GSC Current Research volume; we thank the GSC for permission to include the abstracts of these reports here.

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