NEW SILURIAN-DEVONIAN(?) FAUNAS FROM THE GANDER (NTS 2D/15) AND BOTWOOD (NTS 2E/3) MAP AREAS

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ABSTRACT

Additional collections of bivalves from Careless Brook confirm an upper age limit of Late Silurian (Pridoli) to possibly Early Devonian (Gedinnian) for the Indian Islands Group there. Faunas from the Point Leamington Formation in the Botwood map area (NTS 2E/3) are indicative of a (late) Llandovery C_3 to C_5 (latest Aeronian to medial Telychian) age. The faunas in the Goldson Group at Martin Eddy Point and 'Martin Eddy Point South' are of (late) Llandovery C_5 to C_6 (medial to late Telychian) age. Species of Goniophora recovered from the Wigwam Formation (Botwood Group) near Lewisporte indicate a possible Late Silurian (Ludlow) to Early Devonian (Gedinnian) age for the unit, indicating a possible correlation with the Indian Islands Group along Careless Brook.

INTRODUCTION

During the summers of 1992 and 1993, a number of important new post-Ordovician fossil localities were discovered by Drs. Tomasz Dec and W. Lawson Dickson, Messrs. David T.W. Evans, Robert Lane, Peter J. Tallman and Barry Wheaton, as well as the authors. These localities occur in the Point Leamington Formation, the Goldson Group, and the Wigwam Formation (Botwood Group) of the Gander (NTS 2D/15) and Botwood (NTS 2E/3) map areas. They have been extensively sampled in the hope of providing reasonable biostratigraphic ages. During the couse of our investigations, several previously known localities were resampled, particularly those of Twenhofel and Shrock (1937), Shrock and Twenhofel (1939), and Williams (1962, 1972).

GANDER (NTS 2D/15)

INDIAN ISLANDS GROUP

In 1993, the Careless Brook bivalve localities of Boyce et al. (1993) were reinvestigated (Figure 1). Three collections of macrofossils were obtained from sedimentary rocks of the Indian Islands Group of Williams (1993). These rocks were previously assigned to the Botwood Group (Blackwood, 1982; Boyce et al., 1993). All collections were obtained upstream (west) of the logging road bridge, from buff- to rusty-yellow-weathering very fine to fine-grained sandstone exposed on the south side of the brook.

The easternmost and stratigraphically the lowest of the 1992 bivalve collections was obtained from a large, dislodged block of yellow-weathering, flaggy, fine-grained micacaeous sandstone. Because of high water levels, it was not resampled in 1993. However, the following taxa have been identified from the 1992 samples:

Arthropoda-?Eurypterida

Gen. et sp. undet. -- fragments

Mollusca-Bivalvia

Cuneamya arata (Hall, 1860)

Orthonota simulans Billings, 1874

Palaeoneilo attenuata (Hall, 1860)

The remaining three bivalve localities are basically continuous with each other, and can probably be regarded as one; they are all developed in hard, massive, blocky-weathering fine-grained sandstone. These rocks represent the westernmost exposures of the Indian Islands Group along Careless Brook. Granite outcrops occur a short distance to the west.

The lowest of the three bivalve horizons has yielded only the ubiquitous *Cuneamya arata* (Hall, 1860). Slightly higher, however, a more diverse fauna was collected, including the following:

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp. undet. -- columnals

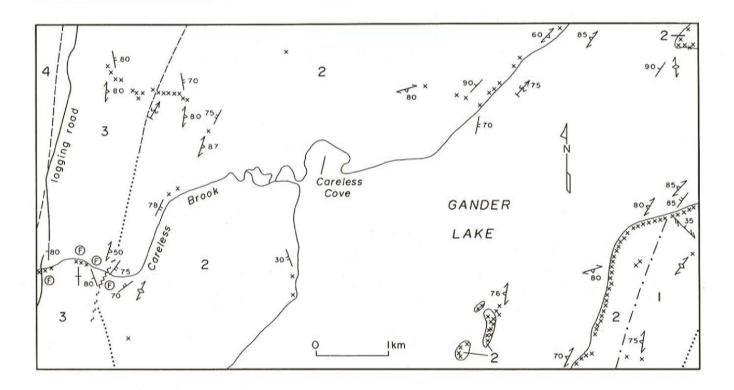
Mollusca-Bivalvia

Cuneamya arata (Hall, 1860)

Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874

Grammysia sp. cf. G. macadamensis McLearn, 1924

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LEGEND

DEVONIAN

4 Fine to medium grained, pink granite

SILURIAN

INDIAN ISLANDS GROUP

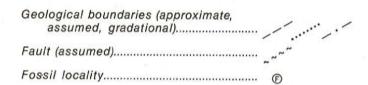
3 Grey sandstone, locally micaceous; minor fossiliferous calcareous beds

MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN AND LATER

DAVIDSVILLE GROUP

- 2 Fine- to coarse-grained sandstone, locally with shale intraclasts, interbedded with grey to black siltstone and shale
- Grey to black slate and siltstone; minor red slate and minor sandstone

SYMBOLS



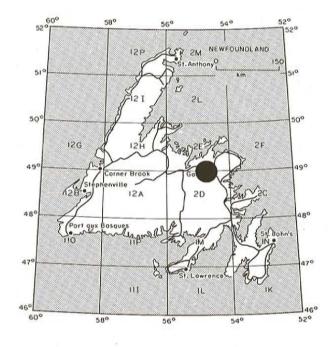


Figure 1. Location and simplified geology map of the Careless Brook area (after Blackwood, 1982); x = outcrop locations.

Mytilarca amii McLearn, 1924 Orthonota venusta Billings, 1874 Palaeoneilo attenuata (Hall, 1860) Mollusca-Gastropoda Gen. et sp. undet.

The westernmost and stratigraphically highest horizon yielded:

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Homalonotus / Trimerus sp. undet. -- 1 cranidium only Brachiopoda-Articulata

Gen. et. sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Bivalvia

Cuneamya arata (Hall, 1860)

Modiolopsis sp. undet.

Mytilarca amii McLearn, 1924

Orthonota venusta Billings, 1874

Boyce et al. (1993, page 187) erroneously reported Orthonota ?simulans Billings, 1874 from this horizon; this represents a misidentification of Orthonota venusta Billings, 1874.

Cuneamya arata (Hall, 1860), Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874, Mytilarca amii McLearn, 1924, Orthonota simulans Billings, 1874, Orthonota venusta Billings, 1874 and Palaeoneilo attenuata (Hall, 1860) all occur in the Stonehouse Formation of Arisaig, Nova Scotia (McLearn, 1924). The Stonehouse Formation ranges from latest Silurian (Pridoli) to earliest Devonian (Gedinnian) (Harper, 1973; Boucot et al., 1974; Tansathien and Pickerill, 1989). Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874 and Grammysia macadamensis McLearn, 1924 occur in the McAdam Brook Formation (Arisaig Group) of Ludlow age (Harper, 1973; Boucot et al., 1974; Tansathien and Pickerill, 1989). In the Arisaig sequence, species of Homalonotus occur in the (latest Llandovery to Gedinnian) French River, Doctors Brook, McAdam Brook, Moydart and Stonehouse formations (McLearn, 1924; Harper, 1973; Boucot et al., 1974; Tansathien and Pickerill, 1989).

Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874 also occurs in the West Point Formation of Gaspé, Québec (Northrop, 1939).

On balance, the new collections of bivalves from Careless Brook confirm an upper age limit of Late Silurian (Pridolf) to possibly Early Devonian (Gedinnian) for the Indian Islands Group in this area.

BOTWOOD (NTS 2E/3)

POINT LEAMINGTON FORMATION

Fossils have been collected from four localities assigned by Dickson (Figure 2) to the Point Leamington Formation:

- Bog Hill' (Locality LD93-0546 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 619820 5434460)
- 'Leptaena Hill' (Locality LD93-0555 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 619000 5433800).
- Norris Arm Railway Cut (Locality LD93-0549 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618590 5433250)

 Norris Arm Railway Woods (LD93-1236 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618500 5433050)

'Bog Hill'

Deformed fossils were collected from well cleaved darkblue grey siltstone, mudstone and/or slate exposed on a low hill, 200 m north of the abandoned Canadian National Railway line, and 5 km west of Rattling Brook (Locality LD93-0546 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 619820 5434460). This is the Jumpers Brook locality of Willams (1962, 1972), who assigned the rocks to the Botwood Group. Cumming (in Williams, 1962, page 9 and 1972, page 95) identified the following fossils from here:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Rhabdocyclus sp.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Eophacops sp. cf. E. marklandensis (McLearn, 1918) Mollusca-Bivalvia

Goniophora or Pterinea sp.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Hormotoma sp.

Pleurotomaria sp.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Leptaena rhomboidalis (Wahlenberg, 1821)

Parmorthis sp. Schuchert and Cooper, 1931 <-- probably Resserella sp.

Pentamerus oblongus Sowerby, 1839

This is also A. J. Boucot's 1965 U.S.N.M. Locality 12905, from which W. S. McKerrow collected (Boucot, written communication, 1993):

?Resserella

?Pentamerus

Plectodonta sp.

?Howellella

Eospirifirid

Favositid

Bryozoan

Trilobite

Tentaculites

During the summer of 1993, the authors obtained an extensive collection of deformed fossils from 'Bog Hill'. The following taxa have been identified:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp. undet.

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites sp. undet.

Arthropoda-Ostracoda

Gen. et sp. undet.

Leperditia sp. cf. L. selwyni Jones, 1891

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939)

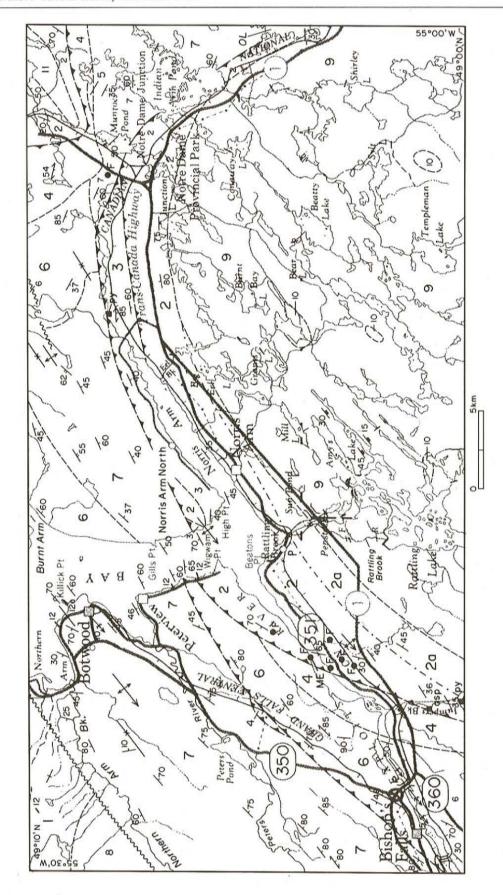
aulacopleurid gen. et sp. undet.

?Bumastus sp. undet.

Calymene sp. undet.

Dalmanites sp. undet.

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928 Brachiopoda-Articulata



Minor fold Geological contact Overturned bedding Anticline, Syncline * Layering ■py Pyrite Cleavage Gradational contact Bedding (tops known, unknown) Thrust Fault

O'Brien Lake ■asp Arsenopyrite 70 ME Martin Eddy Point F Fossil locality

LEGEND

SILURIAN OR YOUNGER

2 Massive, diabase dykes; 12a, composite diabase dykes

SOUTHWEST BROOK GRANITE

Massive, alaskitic, biotite granite and minor granodiorite

LLANDOVERY OR YOUNGER

MOUNT PEYTON INTRUSIVE SUITE (Units 9 and 10)

- Pink and cream, massive, medium- and fine-grained, equigranular, biotite ± hornblende granite
- Grey, massive, dominantly fine-grained, equigranular, pyroxene ± biotite ± hornblende gabbro; minor layered gabbro

HODGES HILL INTRUSIVE SUITE

Grey and buff, massive, medium-grained, biotite ± hornblende gabbro and hornblende-biotite granodiorite

SILURIAN

WENLOCK OR YOUNGER

BOTWOOD GROUP (Units 4 to 7)

Wigwam Formation (Units 6 and 7)

- Red, thick-bedded, variably cleaved sandstone
- Green-grey, medium-bedded, cleaved sandstone and minor felsic volcanic-clast conglomerate

Lawrenceton Formation (Units 4 and 5)

- Red, laharic breccia of felsic volcanic rocks, felsic-clast conglomerate and felsic tuff
- Grey basalt, including plagioclase-porphyritic, amygdaloidal and massive flows and felsic tuff; minor red sandstone

LLANDOVERY

GOLDSON GROUP AND EQUIVALENTS

Green, grey and minor red, very thick-bedded to medium-bedded, cleaved, pebble conglomerate containing abundant chert and volcanic clasts and locally fossiliferous limestone clasts and interbedded with coarse-grained sandstone and minor siltstone

LATE ORDOVICIAN AND EARLY SILURIAN

ASHGILL TO LLANDOVERY

Point Leamington Formation

Grey and green, medium- and thin-bedded, cleaved, locally fossiliferous greywacke, siltstone and conglomerate; 2a, black hornfels and contact migmatite

MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN

WILD BIGHT GROUP

- 1 Grey, fine-grained, basalt breccia and pillow breccia; minor felsic tuff
- Geology map of the southern portion of the Botwood area showing fossil localities (after Dickson, this volume). Figure 2.

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Dalmanella / Resserella sp.

Cyrtia sp. undet.

Eospirifer radiatus (Sowerby, 1839)

Gen. et sp. undet.

Howellella elegans (Muir-Wood, 1925)

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823)

Pentamerus oblongus Sowerby, 1839

Plectodonta sp.

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Orbiculoidea sp. undet.

Bryozoa

Gen. et sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp. undet. -- columnals

Mollusca-Bivalvia

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- 2 species

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- low and high spired forms

Boyce et al. (1993, page 192) concluded that the fauna at this site was probably Llandovery C₁ to C₂ (latest Aeronian) in age, although it might be as young as Llandovery Cs (medial Telychian) in age. This was mainly based on the earlier identification of Eophacops sp. cf. E. marklandensis (McLearn, 1918), which the authors believe to be a misidentification of Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939). The ostracode identified by the authors as Leperditia sp. cf. L. selwyni Jones, 1891 is conspecific with that descibed and illustrated by Shrock and Twenhofel (1939) from the 'black argillite' of their Pike Arm Formation, exposed along the north side of Burnt Island, Goshens Arm, Notre Dame Bay (Twillingate-NTS 2E/10). According to Boyce et al. (1993, page 192), the Burnt Island fauna appears to be indicative of a Llandovery C3 to C4 (latest Aeronian to early Telychian) age (Table 1). The 'Bog Hill' fauna is assigned the same age, based on the presence of the identical ostracode species.

'Leptaena Hill'

This fossil locality was discovered by Mr. Barry Wheaton in 1993. The site is a low hill, 400 m south of Route 351, and 6 km west of Rattling Brook (Locality LD93-0555 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 619000 5433800). Deformed fossils were collected by the authors from the cleaved darkblue grey siltstone and mudstone exposed on the hill. The following have been identified:

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939)

Bumastus sp.

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

proetid gen. et sp. undet.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Cyrtia exporrecta (Wahlenberg, 1821)

Eospirifer radiatus (Sowerby, 1839)

Gen. et sp(p): undet.

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823)

Plectodonta sp.

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Orbiculoidea sp.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp. undet. -- only one specimen

From talus on the south side of the hill, the following taxa were recovered:

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Gen. et sp. undet.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823)

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823) was by far the most common fossil at this site. Many of the trilobites and crinoids were partly articulated, indicating relatively undisturbed conditions. The fauna is correlated with that reported by Shrock and Twenhofel (1939, pages 245-246) from the 'fossiliferous argillite' of their Pike Arm Formation exposed on Fossil Arm, Pike Arm, New World Island (Twillingate—NTS 2E/10).

Norris Arm Railway Cut

Fossils were only discovered at this site in 1993 by Dr. W.L. Dickson, despite its being along a major access route. The locality is a rock cut along the abandoned Canadian National Railway, 6.5 km west of Rattling Brook (Locality LD93-0549 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618590 5433250). The rocks are predominantly light-grey to white and buffweathering, massive- to planar-bedded fine-grained sandstones. The authors measured a stratigraphic section through just over 13 m of nearly continuous exposure on the southeast side of the railway cut. As a result, other fossiliferous levels were recorded below the discovery horizon.

The basal unit consists of 4.2 m of massive-bedded finegrained sandstone. Thirty centimetres below the top, a 10to 24-cm-thick interbed of dark-grey-weathering, light-grey coarse-grained pebbly sandstone yielded the following: Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

?proetid gen. et sp. undet.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Trimerella sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- at least 3 species, including tightly coiled low spired form

Along strike, on the northwest side of the railway cut, the equivalent bed yielded:

Table 1. Correlation of faunas discussed in this paper

| | SUBDIVISIONS RIAN SYSTEM | PORT AU PORT PENINSULA | SOPS ARM, WHITE BAY | BOTWOOD (2E/3) | GANDER (2D/15) |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| Prídolí Series | (Stages not defined) | Clam Bank Formation | | | |
| Ludlow Series | Ludfordian Stage | | Natlins Cove Formation (upper sandstone member) | Wigwam Formation (Botwood Group) Camp Emmanuel | Indian Islands Group |
| | Gorstian Stage | | | | Carcless Brook |
| Wenlock Series | Homerian Stage Sheinwoodian Stage | | Natlins Cove Formation (Sops Arm volcanic member) | | |
| Llandovery Series | Telychian C_5 Stage C_4 | | Natlins Cove Formation (lower sandstone member) Simms Ridge Formation | Goldson Group Point Leamington Formation | |
| | Aeronian Stage B_3 B_2 | | | | |
| | Rhuddanian Stage A_3 A_2 | | | | |

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Leptaena sp. cf. L. rhomboidalis (Wahlenberg, 1821)

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Trimerella sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

The basal unit is overlain in turn by 1.5 m of planarbedded very fine-grained sandstone and/or siltstone. This is succeeded by 2.1 m of massive sandstone with two pebbly, fossiliferous layers, within which *Atrypa reticularis* (Linné, 1758) was seen but not collected. Above this unit is a covered interval of 2.1 m, which is overlain by 3.1 m of coarse-grained pebbly sandstone. This is the unit in which Dr. W.L. Dickson discovered fossils and from it, the authors have identified the following:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites sp(p). undet.

Halysites sp(p). undet.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939)

Calymene sp. cf. C. niagarensis Hall, 1843

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

?proetid gen. et sp. undet. -- pygidium

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Dalmanella / Resserella sp.

Eospirifer radiatus (Sowerby, 1839)

Howellella elegans (Muir-Wood, 1925)

Leptaena sp. cf. L. rhomboidalis (Wahlenberg, 1821)

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Orbiculoidea sp.

Trimerella sp. undet.

Bryozoa

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- stick form

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Bivalvia

Gen. et sp. undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

bellerophontid sp. undet.

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- at least 4 species, including tightly coiled low spired form, smooth high spired form, and 2 distinctive ornamented species.

Porifera-Stromatoporoidea

Gen. et sp. undet.

Along strike, on the northwest side of the railway cut, the equivalent bed yielded:

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Leptaena sp. cf. L. rhomboidalis (Wahlenberg, 1821)

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Trimerella sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

The sequence is capped by 25 cm of massive, fine-grained

sandstone.

The outcrop is notable for its relative abundance of gastropods and trimerellid brachiopods, which are rare to absent elsewhere. In fact, the major find here was the trimerellid brachiopiods, which until they were identified by Dr. D.A.T. Harper (University of Galway) (personal communication, 1993), puzzled everyone. Because the fauna is stratigraphically higher than those of 'Bog Hill' and 'Leptaena Hill', a more likely age is Llandovery C_5 (medial Telychian) (Table 1).

Norris Arm Railway Woods

Fossils were also discovered by Mr. D.T.W. Evans, Mr. R. Lane and Mr. P.J. Tallman in the woods 250 m southwest of and along strike with the railway-cut locality (LD93-1236 of Dickson, *this volume:* UTM 618500 5433050). Three closely spaced localities collectively yielded:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp. undet. Anthozoa-Tabulata

Halysites sp(p). undet.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Calymene sp. undet.

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Gen. et spp. undet. -- at least 2 species

Howellella sp. undet.

Leptaena sp. undet.

Brachiopoda-Inarticulata

Trimerella sp. undet.

Bryozoa

Gen. et sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Gen. et sp. undet. -- high spired form

The fauna above is interpreted to be exactly the same age as that exposed along the railway cut, as they are from equivalent beds along strike.

GOLDSON GROUP

Fossils have been collected from two localities assigned by Dickson (this volume) to the upper part of the Goldson Group:

1) Martin Eddy Point (LD93-0786 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618910 5435190)

 'Martin Eddy Point South' (Locality LD93-0808 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618590 5434150)

Martin Eddy Point

Fossils were first reported from Martin Eddy Point (on the north side of Exploits River—LD93-0786 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 618910 5435190) by Murray and Howley (1881). Twenhofel and Shrock (1937, page 1755) subsequently measured the sequence of conglomerate and interbedded limy shale, siltstone and hard, greyish-blue argillite. Twenhofel and Shrock (1937, page 1755) and Shrock and Twenhofel (1939) reported the following fossils from both the boulders and matrix of the conglomerate:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Zaphrentis sp. cf. Z. stokesi Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites gothlandicus (Fought)

Favosites hisingeri Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1854

Favosites sp. cf. F. pyriformis

Halysites catenularius (Linné, 1767)

Heliolites interstinctus (Linné, 1767)

Arthropoda-Ostracoda

Leperditia sp. and some small ostracodes

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939)

Dicranopeltis norrisensis Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939 Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Eocoelia hemisphaerica (Sowerby, 1839)

Chonetes exploitensis Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939

Lissatrypa atheroidea Twenhofel, 1928

Mendacella uberis (Billings, 1866)

Pentamerus oblongus Sowerby, 1839

Resserella elegantula (Dalman, 1828)

Rhyncotreta cuneata americana Hall, 1879

Zygospira? exploitensis Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939

Bryozoa

Hallopora? sp.

Echinodermata

Echinoderm columnals, probably crinoidal

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Diaphorostoma? sp.

Pleurtomaria sp.

Porifera-Stromatoporoidea

Clathrodictyon vesiculosum Nicholson and Murie, 1892

Trace Fossils

Fucoids, probably algal

Worm? tubes

Cumming (in Williams, 1962, page 9) and Boucot (in Williams, 1972, page 95) subsequently identified the following from limestone pebbles in conglomerate:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Zaphrentis sp.

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites sp. cf. F. gothlandicus (Fought)

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

?Dalmanella sp.

Resserella sp. cf. R. elegantula (Dalman, 1828)

Mollusca-Bivalvia Nuculites sp.

From grey shale interbedded with the conglomerate, Cumming (in Williams, 1962, page 9) also identified the following fossils:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Zaphrentis sp.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Octobronteus sp.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

?Idiorthis sp.

During the summer of 1990, the authors accompanied Dr. B.H. O'Brien and Mr. E. Wheaton to Martin Eddy Point. The fossils collected were re-examined in 1993. The following have been identified:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Zaphrentis sp.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Acernaspis newfoundlandensis (Shrock and Twenhofel, 1939)

Encrinurus anticostiensis Twenhofel, 1928

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Pentamerus oblongus Sowerby, 1839

Resserella elegantula (Dalman, 1828)

Echinodermata

Echinoderm columnals, probably crinoidal

Hemichordata-Graptolithina

Gen. et sp. undet.

Mollusca-Bivalvia

Tancrediopsis sp. cf. T. altistriata McLearn, 1924

Mollusca-Cephalopoda

Gen. et sp. undet.

Mollusca-Gastropoda

Diaphorostoma? sp.

Pleurtomaria sp.

The bivalve *Tancrediopsis altistriata* McLearn, 1924 occurs in McLearn's 'zone d' of the Ross Brook Formation (Arisaig Group). Boucot *et al.* (1974, pages 6-7; Table 1) indicated a Llandovery C₆ age for this 'zone'.

Boyce et al. (1993, page 192) concluded that the Martin Eddy Point fauna was probably Llandovery C_3 to C_5 (latest Aeronian to medial Telychian) in age. Because of the presence of *Tancrediopsis* sp. cf. *T. altistriata* McLearn, 1924, and the fact that the fauna stratigraphically overlies that of 'Bog Hill' and 'Leptaena Hill', a more likely age is Llandovery C_5 to C_6 (medial to late Telychian) (Figure 3).

'Martin Eddy Point South'

One kilometre southwest of Martin Eddy Point, on the south side of the Exploits River (Locality LD93-0808 of Dickson, *this volume:* UTM 618590 5434150), fossils were discovered by Dr. W.L. Dickson in sandstone and pebbly conglomerate. At the northeast end of the outcrop, the authors obtained the following from pebbly conglomerate:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites sp. undet.

?Halysites sp. undet.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823)

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- columnals

At the southwest end of the outcrop, the following were collected:

Anthozoa-Rugosa

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Anthozoa-Tabulata

Favosites sp. undet.

Halysites sp. undet.

Arthropoda-Trilobita

Calymene sp.

Brachiopoda-Articulata

Atrypa reticularis (Linné, 1758)

Gen. et sp(p). undet.

Leptaena sp. cf. L. depressa (Sowerby, 1823)

Bryozoa

Gen. et sp. undet.

Echinodermata-Crinoidea

Gen. et sp(p). undet. -- columnals

?Porifera-Stromatoporoidea

Gen. et sp. undet. -- may actually be algal mat The beds exposed here lie directly along strike with those exposed at Martin Eddy Point. Consequently, they are interpreted to be the same age.

WIGWAM FORMATION

Fossils have been collected from one locality assigned by Dickson (this volume) to the Wigwam Formation:

 Camp Emmanuel (Locality LD93-0124 of Dickson, this volume: UTM 639640 5444450)

Camp Emmanuel (Emmanuel Convention Centre)

In 1992, Dr. T. Dec discovered fossils in red sandstone of the Wigwam Formation (Botwood Group), exposed on the east side of Camp Emmanuel, 2 km north of Notre Dame Junction, Route 340 (UTM 639640 5444450). These fossils were collected by Dr. B.H. O'Brien, who brought them to our attention in the spring of 1993. The fossils turned out to be poorly preserved bivalves but had the potential of dating the Wigwam Formation. On August 10, 1993, four fossiliferous horizons within an interval of 8 m were found. The horizons ranged in thickness between 1.5 and 15 cm. The following have tentatively been identified: Mollusca-Bivalvia

Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874

Goniophora transiens Billings, 1874

Both of the above species occur in the Stonehouse Formation (Arisaig Group) of Arisaig, Nova Scotia (McLearn, 1924). The Stonehouse Formation ranges from latest Silurian

(Prídolí) to earliest Devonian (Gedinnian) in age (Harper, 1973; Boucot et al., 1974; Tansathien and Pickerill, 1989). However, Goniophora consimilis Billings, 1874 also occurs in the underlying McAdam Brook Formation of Ludlow age (McLearn, 1924; Harper, 1973; Boucot et al., 1974; Tansathien and Pickerill, 1989). The Wigwam Formation at this locality is therefore tentatively dated as being anywhere from Late Silurian (Ludlow) to Early Devonian (Gedinnian) in age. This indicates a possible correlation with the bivalve faunas of the Indian Islands Group at Careless Brook (this report).

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