

PREFACE

This publication presents the preliminary results of the geoscientific work carried out in Newfoundland and Labrador by the Geological Survey of Newfoundland in 1995. The report also includes papers by geologists working with the mineral industry in the province, by university researchers associated with the Survey's program, and by our colleagues in the Geological Survey of Canada. It represents the continuation of a series of annual reports begun in 1974.

1995 marks the end of an era for the provincial Survey, in that it is the last year of field work under federal – provincial mineral development agreements, which have played a large part in the Survey's program since 1972. These cost-shared agreements will not be renewed after the end of the current Canada – Newfoundland Agreement on Mineral Development on March 31, 1996. The Survey entered into the most productive period in its 132-year history during the agreement years, and is now well situated to provide the province with the geoscience information it will need in the coming decades. Federal – provincial cooperation in the geosciences will continue under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and the Geological Survey of Canada; that accord is now at the final draft stage.

Eight of the 27 reports in this volume are concerned with work carried out under the Agreement on Mineral Development, in the Buchans – Robert's Arm area on the Island, and in the Hopedale mineral belt in Labrador. The remaining reports deal with the Survey's ongoing projects in bedrock and surficial mapping, geochemistry, mineral-deposit studies and information services.

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