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SUMMARY

A programme of geological mupping, geophysics and trenching was carried out on the company owned group of 25 claims. The work investigated the economic potential of mineralization in the greenstones, granites and gabbro cropping out on the property. A detailed study was made of a zone of molybdanite-chalcopyrite mineralization in the granite. <u>CONCLUSIONS</u>

Low grade copper mineralization in the greenstones is too discontinuous to be of economic interest. The mineralized zone in the granite was too low in grade to warrant further investigation. The gabbro contained little more than trace amounts of chalcopyrite in very limited areas.

Further exploration of this property by Steep Rock Iron Mines is not warranted.



INTRODUCTION

An occurrence of wide spread molybdenite-chalcopyrite mineralization south of Young Lake, N.T.3. Reference 52-G-14, discovered by the company employed prospector J. Gareau, was staked in October 1965. In April 1966 a further 15 claims were added to the east and northeast of the original 10 claims. The claims included in the property, Pa. 36383 to Pa. 36392 inclusive, recorded November 2, 1965 and Pa. 36758 to Pa. 36772 inclusive, recorded April 21, 1965, are held by the staker J. Gareau, Main Street, Bryson, Quebec.

During the period April 6 to 8, 1966 a magnetometer survey was conducted covering the flooded portion of the property. From June 8, 1966 to July 13, 1966 the rest of the moperty was covered by geological and magnetometer surveys. Detailed work in the form of trenching, rock sampling and intensive mapping was conducted within part of Claim Pa.38387 between July 14 and July 29, 1966 All of this work was supervised or carried out by the writer.

Iocation and Access

The property lies within the area covered by Ontario Department of Hines Plan M-2266, nouthwest part of Sturgeon Lake Area, Patricia Mining Division, District of Kenera. It adjoins Block 8 of Abitibi Power and Paper Company Mimited to the wouth and partly covers McIver Lake. (See figure 1).

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Small float planes can be landed on McIver Lake during the summer withs but the small size of this lake makes take off with full loads uncertain. Access by tractor from Highway 599 is afforded to the castern part of the property by the old spur line which connected O'Brien's Landing (Sturgeon Lake) with the C.N.R. branch line. A two mile portage between Young Lake and McIver Lake affords access on foot. <u>Topography and Vegetation</u>

Apart from steep but quite los scarps (30 - 50 feet) bordering the east shores of the lake and cutting diagonally northeast-southwest across the south western three claims, the topography is flat to gently undulating.

The western half of the property together with the northwestern claims are covered largely by everyreen forest. Swampy or at least damp ground conditions within the rest of the property has resulted in dominance of either poplar and birch or stunted spruce. Alders grow in the wettest places to the exclusion of other species.

Moose and deer are plentiful in the area and beaver signs are to be found in all the ponds as well as around the lake shores. Some of the more swampy areas have also been damaed by the beaver.

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FIELD PROCEDURE

Linecutting

A baseline was established by transit survey and chaining due east across the property. North-wouth lines perpendicular to this baseline were out at 400 foot intervals and extended to the property boundaries. The baseline was assigned a latitude of 10,000 feet north and pickets were established at 100 foot intervals on the cross lines by chaining. Departures were assigned by establishing the westermost cross line as 6,000 feet east.

A total of 24.6 miles of line vero established of which 20.5 miles were cut on land.

During chaining of the lines the claim posts were tied to the above grid. The lake shore and the old sailway spur were also located in this way.

Geological Mapping

Bedrock exposures were tied to the cut lines by pace and compase. As in large areas of the property bedrock is covered by overburden much of the geology is interpretive. An effort has been made to differentiate on the maps between observed fact and interpretation.

Magnetometer Survey

Readings were taken with a Sharpe A-3 magnetometer at 100 foot intervals along the base line and at 50 foot intervals on the north-south lines. To compensate for diurnal variation three stations were established and readings taken before and after each day's survey. Further checks were made at each crossing of the base line.

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Trenching and Letail ad Geology

Over the mineralized some in the southwest part of claim Pa.36387 east-west lines were established at 50 foot intervals by chain and compass. Stations were located at 25 foot intervals along these lines and the overburden cleared to a depth of 3 feet. Two foot deep holes were drilled in the bedrock which was then blasted to provide samples of unweathered rock for assay. Estailed geological observations were made at each station.

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GEOI YGY

Pron Lous Work

The goology of the area around Molver Lake has apparently never beer mapped in detail. Geological reports published by both the Ontario Department of Mines and the Geological Survey of Canada do not discuss the area south of Young Lake. More recent maps (G.S.C. Map 557A, Matcomb 1 inch = 4 diles and O.D.M. Preliminary Map P.353, Minnitaki and Sturgeon Lakes Shee: (1 inch = 2 miles) do however show more detail than these early reports. Both these maps indicate that the rocks underlying the McIver Lake area are greenstones prodominantly of basic volcanic origin. A tongue from the major granite intrusions is shown invading these greenstones from the west and terminating west of the property. East and southwest of the lake small plugs of gabbroic composition are indicated. The early reports mention that the general area is covered by a mantle of glacial drift and bedded formations of sand and gravel. These deposits often reach 40 - 50 feet in thickness.

Within the area one mineral occur ence is plotted on G.S.C. map 577A and is shown immediately east of McIve. Lake. This is reported to be a sulphide replacement body containing moly idenite and chalcopyrite.

The only property in the area on thich assessment work has been recorded lies immediately east of the McIve Lake claims. In 1965 the Keevil Hining group carried out a program o' geophysical investigations which included magnetometer and vertical loop electro-magnetic surveys. Rusults of both surveys failed to outline a group significantly anomalous areas.

ABLE OF FORMATIONS

<u>Pleistocene and Recent</u> - Glacial Deposits - till and outwash sediments clay, sand, gravel and boulders.

- <u>Archean</u> Diorite Dykes medium to coarse grained, porphyritic, massive.
 - Acid Intrusives medium to coarse grained grey biotite granite to gneissic biotite granite.
 - Basic Intrusives medium to coarse grained, massive, gabbro.
 - Basic Metavolcanics fine to medium grained greenstones.

DESCRIPTION OF ROCK TYPES

Basic Metavolcanics

The greenstones comprising this sequence are generally fine to medium grained dark grey to dark grey-green rocks often with minor free quarts present. Chlorits is sarely a constituent and metallic minerals, generally pyrite but in addition some pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite, are also sometimes present. (See plans 1 & 2). Quarts veins and stringers often cut the rock.

These rocks are of approximately andesitic composition and the coarser grained beds could be described as diorite.

Basic Intrusivos

The basic Intrisive suite o: rocks is composed of medium to coarse grained dark greer, white speciled gabbro sometimes containing quartz. In the southeast of the property one area of outcrops show an increased proportion of feldspar in this rock and it becomes almost dioritic in composition. Quartz veins and stringers are present in some outcrops but are not common. Chalcopyrite was found in a few places to be a minor constituent of the rock (See plans 1 & 2).

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Acid Intrusives

The acid intrusive rocks cropping out on the property are generally light grey granites but small zones of gnelissic granite are also present.

The granite is a medium to coarse grained hight grey rock with biotite as the only ferromagnesian mineral. Chalcopyrite and pyrite are present in minor amounts in a number of localities and molybdenite is common in one area of more intense mineralization (See Plan 1).

The gneissic granite is a medium grained grey rock foliated to give a gneissose structure. Chlorite as well as bioidte is usually present. The metallic minerals found in the granite are similarly present in this rock.

In both these rock types quartz veining is common. Diorite Dykes

The dykos mapped are composed of a massive groy porphyritic rock with feldspar phenocrysts. Biotite is the main ferromagnesian mineral present. One of the dykes contains quarts veins following its strike but the present rock is still quite massive.

Glacial Doposits

Most of the property is covered by boulder till interspersed with areas of gravel and sand. This material is largely proved morains but much of the fine material is of outwash origin. An eaker follows the east shore of the western half of McIver Lake and forms the spit which divides the lake across the centre. STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

The oldest rocks cropping out on the property are bedded metavolcanics, which have been strongly tilted along an east-west axis. A consistent, steep northerly dip of the bedding planes was observed but no evidence of tops was apparent. Moderate to strong jointing is present but shearing is limited to the fine grained members of the sequence. The jointing is of random orientation except in the west where a north-south strike with a steep $(75^{\circ} - 60^{\circ})$ westerly dip is general.

Intruded into the volcanic sequence are two plutons of igneous rocks. Granitic rocks outcrop in the western part of the property and are in contact with the greenstones along the west part of the northern property boundary.

Jointing and weak shearing are often present but no predominant orientations were observed. Contacts between the granite and greenstone observed in one area of outcrop show the intrusive nature of the granite.

Southeast of the granite, massive rocks of gabbroic composition crop out. One observed contact between these rocks was of intrusive nature but no evidence of age relationships can be seen.

Diorite dykes about 3 feet in width ware observed cutting both the granite and gabbro.

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ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

As indicated on Plans 1 and 2 occurrences of pyrite, chalcopyrite, molybdanite and pyrrhotite were observed in both the granite and the greenstone. Unalcopyrite was the only sulphide mineral motei in the gabbro. These sulphides are usually dis eminated in the host rock but often are carried in the quartz veins or exposited on the joint faces.

An area of disseminated sulphids mineralization in the groenstones in the vicinity of 130N on line life was investigated in detail after a preliminary sample from trench 1 (see Plan 2) assayed 0.90% Cu. A check sample from this trench assayed 0.31% Cu and a sample from the adjoining trench 2 assayed 0.049% Cu. A surface representative sample from the immediate area assayed 0.49% Cu. Seventy five foot north of this area, trench 3 was sampled, the assay being 0.099% Cu (assays by Steep Rock Iron Mines' laboratory). These samples confirmed the discontinuous nature of the mineralization observed during sapping. Other areas of sulphide mineralisation in the groenstenes are low in grade and of limited extent. This mineral coournone is probably the sulphide replacement body recorded on the geological maps of the area.

Sulphide minoralisation in the granite is usually as chalcopyrite deposited on joint planes. Minor pyrite and chalcopyrite in quartz voins is also prosent. An area of more concentrated mineralisation in the southwest part of claim Pa.3638' commonly has molybdenite associated with the other sulphides (see Plan 3). During prospecting two occurrences containing better than 1% molybdenite over 2 to 4 inches and float boulders

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containing similar idneralization were discovered. Preliminary sampling from two outcrops in this area assayed 0.03 oz. Ag. 0.05% Cu. C.14% MoS₂ and 0.09 oz. Ag. 0.03% Cu. 0.10% MoS₂ both samples contained a trace of gold. With this encouragement a program of sampling with complimentary geological mapping was conducted at 25 foot intervals along east-west traverse lines 50 feet spart (see Plans 3 & 4). This programs showed that the molybdenite is generally associated with quarts volming but the localities where more intense concentration is present minor absaring appears to be the controlling factor. Although bornite and in one case chalcocite are societimes associated with the chalcopyrite no significant copper mineralisation was noted. The average of analyses made on 84 samples (see Plan 4.) is 0.019% MoS₂, 0.03% Cu (ansays by Belle-Anite Analytical Laboratories Ltd.).

The observed sulphide mineral.ization in the gabbre is of finaly disseminated chalcopyrite.

One of the diorite dykes was observed to contain minor chalcopyrite and molyodenite but these minerals were associated with quartz veins which originated in the host granite.

The origin of the metallic minerals in the greenstones and gabbros is uncertain but in the gabbros at leas, these minerals appear to be syngenetic. In the granite and diorite the sulphides appear to have been introduced in the quartz veins. The concentration of the molybdenite along some shears is probably at the limits of intrusion of the quartz rich solutions containing this mineral.

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HOLENOMORTE SUPVEY

The purposes of the magnetometer survey was to aid in the location of rock contacts and to locate any concentrations of magnetic minerals. No significant concentrations of magnetic minerals were located. The slight peaks in the traverses in the northern part of the property (see Plan 6) indicate the presence of minor amounts of pyrrhotite in the bedrock.

The elongated anotaly in the southwest part of the property expresses the difference in the segnetic susceptibility of the granite and gabbro. ^This anomaly has been interpreted as showing the granite-gabbro contact in this area. The lack of continuance of this anomaly suggests that the gabbro is not of uniform composition as was confirmed by the geological survey.

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