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CUTTING AND POLISHING TESTS

ON GRANITE BLOCKS

from

MINING CLAIM Pa 909490

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INTRODUCTION

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RESULTS

Cutting and Polishing Characteristics

- similar to other granites

Rock Integrity

- `a tight, compact granite'

Colour

 the pinkish cast of the stone is considered detrimental by Nelson personnel

Market

- no ready market is known to exist for this stone
- a market would have to be developed
- with all other things being equal, a minimum of several years would be required to develop a significant market for this stone

RECOMMENDATION

A stripping and trenching programme is required to further evaluate the potential of the property. Work should be concentrated in the area already outlined as containing the least volume of stone with a pinkish caste.

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LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Lundmark granite property is located about 56 km east of Sioux Lookout, Ontario. The claims straddle Highway 515, a paved all-weather road. linking Sioux Lookout and Highway 599 north of Savant Lake. The main line for Canadian National Railways passes through Sioux Lookout. Sioux Lookout is located in northwestern Ontario about 70 km by paved road north of Highway 17, the Trans-Canada Highway.

THE CLAIMS.

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The property consists of four claims: Pa 909490, Pa 909491, Pa 1017914 and Pa 1082662.

The claims are owned by Mr. H. Lundmark of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

GEOLOGY

The claims are located within a contact zone between a mafic intrusion to the south and metasediments to the north. The extent of the zone is unknown but appears to strike north northeast and have a width in excess of one km.

All rocks exposed on the claims are granite. They are medium to coarse-grained and consist of 15 - 35% bluish quartz, 5 - 10% hornblende, with the remainder being feldspar.

Xenoliths of hornblende with lesser biotite are present throughout the granite. They occur as black clots 2 to 10cm thick and 5 to 40cm long. They likely represent remnants of the original metasediments. The xenoliths are less common on the western part of the claims.

Joint patterns have not been mapped in detail due to the lack of exposure. Outcrops indicate blocks 4'x4'x8' are present in the eastern part of the claims although most blocks would be from 2'x3'x4' to 2'x4'x8'.

Joints in the granite seem to more widely spaced on claim Pa 1017914. Stripping is required before the jointing can be accurately measured.

The feldspar in the granite ranges from pink through white to very pale green. The feldspar crystals are zoned and the colours are developed within the various layers. The colour appears to be due to iron oxides. The oxygen fugacity at the time of deposition determining the composition of the iron oxide and thus the colour (D. Janes, pers. comm.). White is the dominant colour. Various shades of pink are present, often as indistinct horizons 2 to 10m thick within the overall bluish grey granite. The pale green colour is very faint and is not noticeable without very close inspection.

SAMPLES

Four pieces of the granite were collected from the south side of the rock cut on Pa 909490. The blocks were loosened during the blasting of the rock cut.

The total weight was estimated at 3 tons. The largest block was about 3'x3'x4'.

The samples were shipped to Nelson Granite at Vermilion Bay, Ontario for cutting and polishing tests.

RESULTS OF TESTS

The following comments are based on a discussion with Mr. C. Nelson, of Nelson Granite.

Cutting and Polishing Characteristics are similar to other granites. No surprises would be expected from working with this stone. Plucking was not considered a problem. The stone took a good polish.

The rock was described as `a tight, compact granite'. This expression is defined to indicate a stone which has low porosity, is strong and without a tendency to spall or granulate while being worked.

The Colour of the stone was predominantly bluish grey. The slight pinkish cast of the stone was considered detrimental. This observation is based on the lack of this shade of colour being used commercially at present.

No Market is known to exist at present for this colour of stone. A market would have to be developed for this particular colour of stone. A minimum of several years would likely be required to develop a significant market for this stone.

DISCUSSION

The lack of a ready market for this stone will require considerable time and money to introduce this stone to the market. This may be done by the property owner, or by dealing the property to one of the established granite firms.

In either case, it will be necessary to first demonstrate that a long-term supply of suitably sized blocks of uniform colour and texture are available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A stripping and trenching programme is required to expose the bedrock. This will permit the detailed mapping of the joints to determine block size and the variations in colour and texture, and thereby, the potential of the property to produce commercial blocks.

The stone is considered to be more of a decorative stone than a building stone. Inquiries should be made to determine the interest in utilizing the stone as `accent' pieces, such as in sills, furniture, etc.

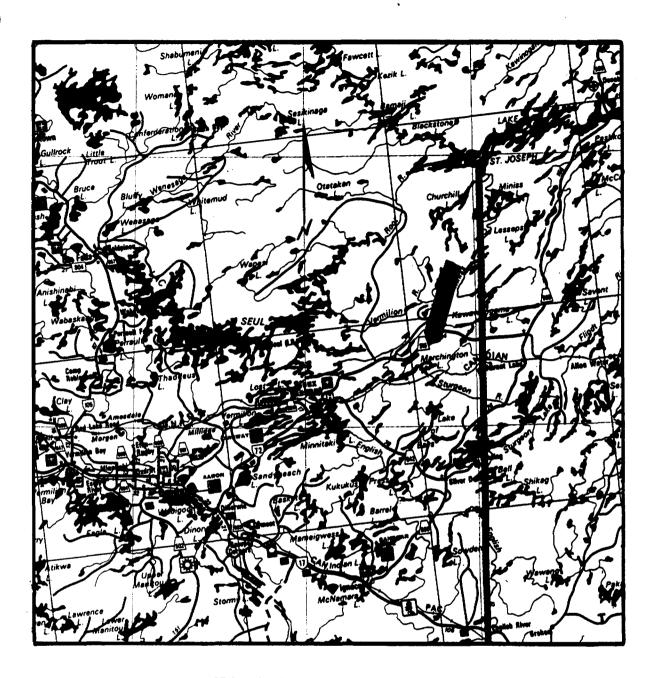


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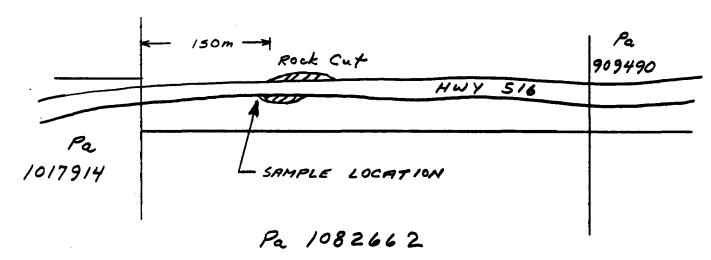
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LOCATION OF BULK SAMPLING - 1988

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