

PREFACE

Many of the readers of *Current Research* will have noticed that several Survey geoscientists have used the volume to publish papers that summarize research carried out over several years, that highlight the salient features of the geological evolution of a part of the province, that describe the characteristics of a particular mineral belt or commodity, or that capture some singular aspect of development in the Survey-provided knowledge base. These fairly comprehensive, self-contained articles are generally reprinted under separate cover to reflect their ongoing value as a reference and guide to the geoscience topics covered. As such, they are also an effective means of separately promoting certain aspects of Survey research to particular user groups. In this way, *Current Research* has become a vehicle for not only reporting on the previous year's work, but for capturing individual topics of broader interest and mature development. That practice continues with this volume, which I hope will be well received by the users of these contents.

As usual, *Current Research 1999* presents information on the main research programs of the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador. The papers herein are grouped under the traditional headings familiar to our readers, viz. Geochemistry/Geophysics; Terrain Sciences; Mineral Deposits; Regional Geology – Newfoundland; Regional Geology – Labrador; and General Subjects. Also this year, there is a paper under the heading Geographic Information Systems, a subject recurring of late, commensurate with Survey progress in this important field. I am also pleased to note the collaborative efforts with several Memorial University students and faculty, a mutually beneficial arrangement that will certainly continue. Finally, you are invited to peruse *Current Research* for your own needs, and pursue your points of interest with any of its authors.

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