

## PREFACE

Since we began publication of these 'Reports of Activities', two years ago there have been significant changes in emphasis within the Division's field program. Most notable is the growth in bedrock geological mapping activities, reflecting the Division's first priority, i.e., the establishment of regional bedrock mapping on a province-wide and long-term basis.

The effects of the approaching termination of the Canada/Newfoundland Mineral Exploration and Evaluation Agreement are seen here mainly in the decrease in the number of papers under the heading "Mineral Evaluation". Of the several projects in this category initiated under the Agreement, only the clay deposits survey project included new field work in 1975. Other mineral evaluation projects on silica and barite-celestite assessment await only the publication of final reports before termination. However, a more general and longer term program of mineral assessment work is being designed and is expected to commence in 1976. Funding for geochemical projects and for some bedrock mapping continued to be available under the Agreement. Projects funded in whole or in part under the Mineral Exploration and Evaluation Agreement for which reports are included here are as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
4-6	Metallogenetic Analysis	25
4-7	Labrador Mineral Potential Evaluation	72, 80
4-8	Reconnaissance Survey of Clay Deposits	90
6-6	Reconnaissance Geochemistry, Avalon Peninsula and Further Analysis of Samples from Projects 6-2, 6-4 and 6-5.	110

A significant addition to the Report this year is the title "Environmental Geology". Under this title are reports on the continuation of projects in surficial mapping and granular resources inventory, plus our first hesitant steps in urban geology. With this we are beginning what we hope will become a long-term program to produce geological data and services specifically for geotechnical purposes and especially for use in municipal planning.

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