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occurrences along

New Ross-Vaughar

highway

-numerous N.S.D.M.E

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-many new occurrences

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NEWFOUNDLAND

#### **DESCRIPTIVE NOTES**

Introduction

The map sheet is underlain by three dominant rock types: Cambro-Ordovician Meguma Group metasedimentary rocks, Devono-Carboniferous granitoid rocks of the South Mountain Batholith (SMB), and Carboniferous sedimentary rocks of the Horton and Windsor groups. Rocks of the Ordovician-Devonian White Rock, Kentville and New Canaan formations underlie the most northern part of the study area on map sheet 21H/01 and their geology is modified after Moore and Ferguson (1986 and personal communication).

The pre-granitic rocks of the map sheet include the Meguma Group consisting of greywackes and slates of the oldenville Formation and slates and siltstones of the Halifax Formation (Schenk, 1982). The geology of these units is modified after Faribault (1916, 1931) and Moore and Ferguson (1986 and personal communication). The granitic rocks are in either sharp intrusive or faulted contact with the Meguma Group. Contact metamorphic minerals (e.g. cordierite, andalusite) occur adjacent to the granite/metasediment contact.

Geological mapping focused on the granitic rocks of the SMB. These rocks include granodiorite<sup>1</sup>, monzogranite<sup>1</sup>, leucomonzogranite<sup>2</sup> and leucogranite<sup>3</sup>. Eleven different granitoid units were identified, based on grain size, texture, modal mineralogy and field relations. Systematic staining of alkali-feldspar with feldspar-plagioclase content of each unit and, hence, its proper classification according to the scheme of Streckeisen (1976).

Carboniferous sedimentary rocks of the Horton (ECH) and Windsor (ECW) groups lie unconformably or in faulted contact with the Meguma Group and granitic rocks in the northwestern portion of the study area. Lithological information and contact relationships were compiled from Moore and Ferguson (1986).

# Unit Descriptions and Field Relationships

The granitic rocks exposed on the southern portion of 21A/16W, and extending southward onto 21A/09, appear to form a discrete plutonic centre within the SMB referred to as the New Ross Pluton (NRP; MacDonald et al., 1987). This pluton, composed of muscovite-biotite monzogranite to leucogranite, intruded an envelope of biotite-rich rocks (granodiorite and biotite monzogranite). The granitoid rocks listed below are described in order of decreasing mafic content.

#### MAFIC PORPHYRY (DCmgmp):

The DCmgmp is of limited extent and occurs as xenoliths (?) within the leucocratic, muscovite-bearing units on South Canoe Lake and as a small plug (<1 km²) within the granodiorite (DCgd) along a power line northwest of Hemlock Hill. These fine grained, porphyritic (with minor feldspar phenocrysts (1-2 cm) rocks are characterized by a high biotite content (12-20%) and brown to blackish-grey colour.

## GRANODIORITE (DCgd):

The DCgd underlies the east-central portion of the study area and is host to the Millet Brook uranium deposit (mineral occurrence 7, Table 1). The granodiorite is predominantly bluishgrey, medium- to coarse-grained and megacrystic<sup>5</sup> (5-10%). Biotite content ranges from 13-15% and normally occurs as large (3-5 mm) grains within the groundmass. Trace amounts of muscovite are found as alteration products of biotite and feldspars. Small xenoliths (generally <30 cm) of variable composition, showing a range of shapes and degrees of assimilation, constitute 1% of most DCgd outcrops.

One variation of this unit occurs in the study area, in the eastern portion of the map sheet (Ham and Horne, 1987). This variation is dark-grey, medium grained, slightly porphyritic with phenocrysts of quartz and plagioclase and contains a high biotite content (15-20%). Numerous xenoliths (metasedimentary?) are common throughout this variation.

In addition to the Millet Brook uranium deposit, other uranium showings in the Millet Brook area (e.g. Upper Salter Lake, mineral occurrence 7A, Table 1) occur within DCgd.

## SALMONTAIL LAKE MONZOGRANITE (DCmgST):

The unit underlies most of the northern portion of the map sheet. The biotite monzogranite is whitish-grey, fine- to coarse-grained (predominantly medium grained) and megacrystic (generally 5%). Grain size and texture, however, are heterogeneous on both outcrop and regional scales. Grain size ranges from fine to coarse and texture varies from seriate to slightly megacrystic (0-3%) to megacrystic (5-10%). Modal quartz-alkali feldsparplagioclase (QAP) compositions for this unit are between monzogranite and granodiorite, but the modal average is monzogranite This compositional heterogeneity is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows that different compositions occur geographically close to

each other, sometimes within the same outcrop. The unit has a high biotite content (12-15%), but contains only trace muscovite and cordierite. Small (<30 cm) xenoliths of

probable metasedimentary origin are common. This unit is host to the past-producing manganese mines (mineral occurrence 1 and 2, Table 1) and several uranium showings in the Millet Brook area (e.g. mineral occurrences 7B, 7C, 7D, Table 1;

#### GASPEREAU LAKE MONZOGRANITE (DCmgGL) and ASPEREAU LAKE GRANODIORITE (DCgdGL):

The Gaspereau Lake monzogranite (DCmgGL) comprises the northern margin of the granitoid rocks, next to the granite/ metasediment contact. The biotite monzogranite is whitish-grey, medium- to coarse-grained and megacrystic (2-15%). Biotite content ranges from 10-15% with only trace amounts of muscovite and cordierite. DCmgGL is distinguished from DCmgST by a more homogeneous texture and a coarser grain size, and could represent a border facies of DCmgST. DCmgGL extends westward to 21A/15, where the rocks are texturally similar and have the same biotite and muscovite contents (MacDonald and Ham, 1988). These latter rocks, however, are predominantly granodioritic in composition and a division is possible only on the basis of point counting stained slabs. A gradational contact between the granodiorite (DCgdGL) and the monzogranite (DCmgGL) is assumed. Xenoliths of metasedimentary origin occur in minor amounts.

## SHERWOOD MONZOGRANITE (DCmgS):

The Sherwood monzogranite is well exposed along Highway 14 in the southeast portion of the map sheet, where it forms the core of the monzogranitic units that comprise the NRP. This whitish-grey, seriate to megacrystic (5-10%) biotite monzogranite

A plug or large xenolith (3 km x 2 km) of DCmgS outcrops along the New Ross-Vaughan highway east of Lake Lewis. At this location, it is surrounded by three units including New Ross leucomonzogranite (DClmNR), Lake Lewis leucogranite (DClgLL) and Panuke

## Lake leucomonzogranite (DClmPL).

NEW ROSS LEUCOMONZOGRANITE (DCImNR): The New Ross leucomonzogranite is distinguished from preceding units primarily by: a lower biotite content (3-7%), a higher proportion of muscovite (trace-3%) and cordierite (trace-3%) and increased saussuritization and/or hematization of the feldspars, which gives the rock an orange-pink colour. It is medium- to coarse-grained and predominantly megacrystic (5-25%), although locally textures include equigranular or pegmatitic or seriate. Fine grained dykes, pegmatite, pods of porphyry and abundant quartz swarms occur close to contacts with other units and within contact embayments. Intense hematization, manganese staining and development of fluorite occur close to the contact with the Lake Lewis leucogranite. A sharp, exposed contact with

A textural variant (medium grained and equigranular; represented on the map by the drop-out pattern) occurs in the South Canoe Lake area. Biotite is characteristically light brown and translucent within this textural variant and quartz veins as stockworks are common. A sharp intrusive contact between the unit and the Lake Lewis leucogranite (DClgLL) is observed on the shoreline of South Canoe Lake and also seen in drill core from the Grassy Brook showing (Shea and Wallace, 1963; mineral occurrence 5, Table 1) with DClgLL intruding DClmNR. However, the contact between these two units also appears gradational along a road

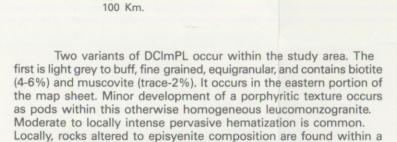
PANUKE LAKE LEUCOMONZOGRANITE (DCImPL): The DCImPL is best exposed along the New Ross-Vaughan highway. The leucomonzogranite is characterized by variable texture and composition. The majority of the unit is light grey, buff, or reddish and fine- to medium-grained, and ranges from slightly porphyritic to equigranular. Biotite occurs in amounts of 2-7% (average of 4%). Local areas, usually intensely hematized, approach leucogranitic composition (<2% mafics), as a result of muscovite completely replacing biotite. Muscovite is present (2-5%) and cordierite occurs in trace amounts. Phenocrysts of predominantly quartz

and plagioclase, alkali feldspar +/- biotite +/- cordierite are com-

mon. Strong pervasive hematization in other areas is common.

Both gradational and sharp contacts are observed between the unit and the New Ross leucomonzogranite. In fact, DCImPL may in some cases represent a textural variation of DClmNR.

Pegmatite dykes and pods occur within the unit.



mineralized (U, Cu) outcrop along Highway 14 north of Vaughan. (Logothetis, 1984; mineral occurrence 14B, Table 1). The second variant is light grey to buff porphyry with a fine- to medium-grained groundmass and phenocrysts of alkali feldspar, plagioclase, quartz eyes and less commonly biotite and cordierite. Biotite contents are 3-5% and muscovite is generally present in amounts ranging from trace-2%. This textural variant occurs in the southeastern portion of the study area in close association with DClmNR.

#### The unit is host to numerous known and new mineral occurrences in the New Ross area (Table 1).

#### GOLD RIVER LEUCOMONZOGRANITE (DCImGR):

The unit is a fine- to medium-grained, equigranular, creamto pink-coloured leucomonzogranite that occurs as several northeast-trending elongate bodies, intruding the DCmgST in the western portion of the map area. Biotite content ranges from <2% in local areas to 6% (average 4%) and muscovite content ranges from 3-5%. Northeast-trending shear zones and fractures occur in this area and the coincident form of these bodies suggests intrusion along pre-existing linear structures. These leucomonzogranitic bodies are similar to rocks intersected at depth (>350 m) in drillhole D.&C. 85-3 at the Dean and Chapter Mine (O'Reilly, 1987). Contacts with the biotite monzogranite (DCmgST) are sharp, as observed within the drill core. Intense, pervasive hematization is

A small plug (1 km²) of DClmGR intrudes DCmgST along a powerline northwest of Hemlock Hill, adjacent to mineral occurrence 7D shown on the map. Biotite and cordierite phenocrysts occur within the groundmass and muscovite content ranges from 3-5%. Manganese staining is common along northeast- and

#### LAKE LEWIS LEUCOGRANITE (DCIgLL):

north-trending fractures.

Ross-Vaughan Road. A small body (<1km²) of leucocratic porphyry has intruded the equigranular DCImNR on South Canoe Lake. The unit is white to cream, fine- to medium-grained, equigranular and contains <2% mafics. The groundmass may contain small, rounded, bluish quartz eyes and minor biotite and muscovite clots. Quartz vein stockworks, minor pegmatite and aplite dykes are common within the unit. Sharp, intrusive contacts with DCImPL are observed in drill core (Shea and Wallace, 1963) and intrusive contacts with DClmNR and DCmgS are observed in outcrop on South Canoe Lake. Aplite and pegmatite (with minor black tourmaline) occur within DClgLL parallel to the contact with DClmNR exposed on South Canoe Lake. Megacrysts of alkali feldspar within DCmgS are terminated by DClgLL at the contact. Conersely, west of South Canoe Lake, a gradational contact between DClgLL and the equigranular DClmNR is observed. Uranium, fluorite (blue, green and purple) and molybdenite

The Lake Lewis leucogranite is best exposed along the New

mineralization occur within this leucocratic body (mineral occurrences 11 and 12, Table 1), along hematized fractures and shear planes and as disseminations throughout the groundmass.

## BURNT BLANKET LEUCOGRANITE (DCIgBB):

The unit is exposed along a road east of Round Lake. This white to cream, fine grained, equigranular leucogranite contains «2% mafics and 3-5% muscovite. Intense alteration (saussuritization and sericitization) is common within the unit. Small blades of wolframite (1cm) occur within the matrix of one outcrop (mineral occurrence 13, Table 1). A larger body of DClgBB is exposed on map sheet 21A/09 to the south and also has mineralization

#### associated with it (Corey, 1988). APLITE AND PEGMATITE:

Aplite dykes, rarely with pegmatite, are common in DCgd and occur in minor amounts in DCmgST. Minor aplites and aplite/ pegmatite dykes have been noted within the coarser grained monzogranitic units. These dykes are usually less than one metre in thickness. Tourmaline occurs in aplites and pegmatites within all units, although it is most abundant in dykes cutting DCImPL. Polymetallic mineralization is commonly associated with these pegmatite and, less commonly, aplite dykes (e.g. Walker Moly,

## Turner Tin, Wallaback Tin Prospect; Table 1).

**GNEISSIC ROCKS (gn):** An inlier of greenish-grey to black gneissic rock occurs within DCgd along Highway 14 and Falls Lake in the east of the study area. This inlier (2.5 km x 6.5 km) is elongated north-south and was previously mapped as Meguma Group (Faribault, 1931; McKenzie, 1974; Purdy, 1983). Although some rocks of this inlier resemble the greywackes and slates of the Goldenville Formation in their general appearance and mineralogy, gneissic banding and at least four stages of intense local deformation occur within

#### uranium showings (e.g. mineral occurrence 14A, Table 1). LEMINSTER INLIER

some outcrops. This style and intensity of deformation is not

known to occur within the Meguma Group rocks (P. K. Smith,

personal communication, 1987). This inlier is host to numerous

inlier of folded Meguma Group strata underlies the central portion of the map sheet, at the contact between biotite-rich rocks to the north and the muscovite-bearing leucocratic monzogranitic rocks to the south. The rocks are predominantly massive, grey-green quartzite and greywacke, with minor thinly-bedded slate and schist, of the Goldenville Formation. A thin band (500 m) of hornfels, schists and minor slates of the Halifax Formation occurs in the Leminster area (e.g. Purdy, 1983). Xenoliths of 'gneissic-textured' rocks are found within the surrounding granite. Fine-grained granitic dykes have intruded the metasediments along fractures and joints trending 120°. Some fracturing and slickensiding occurs close to the contacts with the granitoid rocks. Numerous areas in a gravel pit 1 km northwest of Lower Vaughan contain elevated radiometric responses within the metasediments, slickensides (trending 70-80°) and clay and manganese alteration.

A large (approximately 25 km by 5 km), northeast-trending

One small (2 km x 0.5 km) band of Halifax Formation rocks occurs within the Leminster Inlier, west of North Canoe Lake. This observation is based on vertical gradient response which is similar to patterns from areas of the Meguma Zone underlain by Halifax Formation rocks (Geological Survey of

#### Canada, 1984). STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

The majority of the biotite-rich granitoid rocks (DCgd DCmgST, DCgdGL, DCmgGL) are massive and undeformed, although dominant northeast-trending structural linears are common. Within the DCgd hosting the Millet Brook uranium deposit and several other uranium showings, numerous northeast-trending slickensided shear zones occur and most mineralization is associated with these shear zones. Additionally, a uranium showing west of Black River Lake occurs within a northwest-trending shear zone (mineral occurrence 16, Table 1). One area along the New Ross-Vaughan highway within DCImPL represents a small fault, with silicification, brecciation and shearing. Falls Lake and Falls River outline a fault that is manifested by intense fracturing slickensides and shearing within the gneissic rocks of the

Hemlock Hill complex. Horne et al. (1988) outline dominant northwest-trending (140°) joint sets within all rock units. These joints are often filled with numerous quartz veins, aplites and minor pegmatite. Jointing is blocky and better developed in the fine-grained leucomonzo-

Ross-Vaughan area are given in Figures 2a, b and c.

Streckeisen (1976).

#### granite and leucogranite units. MINERAL OCCURRENCES

Most past exploration activity within the SMB has been concentrated around the New Ross-Vaughan area (e.g. Dean and Chapter Mine, Cain and Riddle Mine, Walker Molybdenum Prospect, Turner Tin Prospect). The Millet Brook uranium deposit was discovered by Aquitaine Company of Canada Limited in 1977 and much activity (e.g. prospecting, trenching, geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical surveys, drilling) has concentrated on this deposit. Several showings were also discovered during the course of the field mapping. These known and new showings and their main features are summarized in Table 1. Detailed location maps for areas with numerous drill holes around the New

## GRANODIORITE-MONZOGRANITE-SYENOGRANITE: After

LEUCOMONZOGRANITE: A rock of monzogranitic composition with less than 6% combined mafic minerals.

<sup>3</sup>LEUCOGRANITE: A rock of monzogranitic composition with less

than 2% combined mafic minerals. PORPHYRY: A rock with a predominantly fine grained groundmass and medium- to coarse-grained phenocrysts

rarely exceed 2.5 cm (adj. porphyritic.)

(i.e. bimodal grain size distribution). Phenocrysts

NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY MAP 90-10 **GEOLOGICAL MAP** OF **WINDSOR** (N.T.S. SHEET 21A/16 WEST HALF

and PART of 21H/01) **NOVA SCOTIA** 

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<sup>5</sup>MEGACRYST: A nongenetic term for a crystal that is significantly larger than the surrounding groundmass. In the South Mountain Batholith, megacrysts are predominantly subhedral to euhedral alkali feldspar, and rarely plagioclase, crystals (generally between 2.5-7 cm in length) in medium- to coarse-grained rocks (adj.

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at depth in brecciated

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Alkali feldspar

\*\*mineral abbreviations listed in symbol legend