LEGEND

SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

QUATERNARY

terraced deposits.

and west.

and south.

drumlin-derived units.

southward to southeastward.

PRE-QUATERNARY

east-southeast(?).

EARLY WISCONSINAN (?)

varies from a veneer to > 3 m.

discernible on aerial photographs.

All colours from Munsell Soil Colour Chart.

LEGEND

TILL CLAST LITHOLOGIES

from 0% to 50% (Peltoniemi, 1985).

Leucomonzogranite.

Monzogranite.

granite and fine-grained dyke rocks.

but include Torbrook and Kentville Formation lithologies.

basalt; indurated sandstone; volcanic breccia, mafic

intrusives, rhyolite and rhyolitic tuff; bedrock sources are the North Mountain basalt, White Rock Formation, mafic

Foreign: slate; quartzite; amygdaloidal and non-amygdaloidal

dyke rocks, and Triassic sedimentary basins.

*All granite bedrock units after Horne (1987).

Ablation mound....

Moraine (minor)...

Esker, flow direction unknown......

Escarpment in unconsolidated sediment.....

(clast lithologies)

120 (sample number)

This illustration shows the system of lithological representation

used on the map. Each bar represents a clast lithology, the height

denoting its percentage in the pepple fraction of the till. Clast

ithologies on histograms are keyed to the Till Clast Legend. The

axis of a histogram defines the sample.

FIGURE 1: Simplified bedrock geology of the New Germany map

sheet (21A/10) modified after Horne (1987). Bedrock units are

keyed to the till clast legend and histograms on the glacial geology

near lakes; thickness 1-6 m.

LATE - MIDDLE WISCONSINAN

HOLOCENE - LATE WISCONSINAN

PREVIOUS WORK

As part of the Nova Scotia Soil Survey, Cann et al. (1958; 965) and MacDougall et al. (1969) mapped the soils of Lunenburg Kings and Annapolis Counties and produced 1:126 720 scale maps. Mapping of the soil catenas included a reference to the parent material from which the underlying Quaternary deposit may be inferred. This work assisted the present survey in determining till unit boundaries over the granitic terrain and was the primary source of information used to deduce the type of drift cover blanketing Meguma Group bedrock. In addition to the soil mapping of Cann and MacDougal, MacNeill (1956) produced 1:50 000 scale surficial geology maps that showed the distribution of drumlins, ice-contact and glaciofluvial deposits.

Although mineral exploration companies have utilized soils and tills over the South Mountain Batholith (SMB) as geochemical sampling media, little mapping of the tills and no separation of geochemically and lithologically distinct till units were attempted. eploration concentrated on the Sn, W and U potential of the Falkland Ridge-East Dalhousie area. The most significant discovery was at Lake Torment where Shell Canada Resources Limited (MacGillivray, 1982) and Esso Resources Canada Limited (MacLeod, 1982; 1983) reported tin anomalies in the soil and till. Tin-bearing boulders were also discovered; however, the bedrock source of the geochemical anomalies and metalliferous float was

INTERPRETIVE NOTES

Map Units

BEDROCK (D)

Ten per cent of the study area was mapped as bedrock. Although this unit is not a surficial deposit, its occurrence and distribution is largely dependent on glacial processes. Bedrock as a map unit includes barren rock outcrop, regions of thin till and large wooded areas where B-soil horizon has developed to bedrock. Over this unit all tills occur locally. In the Lake Pleasant and Sherbrooke Lake bedrock areas a veneer of Lawrencetown Till is the most common deposit whereas at Whale Lake a thin covering of Beaver River Till predominates.

The general relief and configuration of the land surface results from the effects of glacial erosion and bedrock structure. Large strike ridges west of Meiseners Section and at Whale Lake were formed by glacial smoothing and plucking by ice as it flowed parallel to the major joint system in the area. These regions, as well as an area north of Sherbrooke Lake, were scoured by very erosive, southeastward-flowing ice.

Surfaces of bedrock outcrops are commonly weathered or frost-shattered, destroying glacial striations. Where till has been removed during road construction, striations are preserved on the underlying polished outcrop. Striations reveal two major directions of glacier flow and a third minor flow. The earliest flow was toward the east-southeast with an average direction of 120°. A younger flow was also southeastward with an average direction of 148°. The age relationship between these two sets of striations was determined on an outcrop east of Pleasant River Lake. Nailhead striations trending 112° are crosscut by younger 150° striations and grooves whose flow direction is defined on the basis of welldeveloped crag and tail. One striation site indicating ice flow toward the northwest (345°) was mapped near Wild Duck Lake. It crosscuts striations of the oldest east-southeast (120°) ice flow. The presence of northwestward-trending striations near Wild Duck Lake indicates that ice flow originated to the south and that the SMB ice cap or divide of Stea (1988) was situated south of this

RESIDUUM (R)

Less than one per cent of the study area was mapped as residuum. It was noted in gravel pits and hand-dug holes in the northwest part of the map sheet, varies in thickness from < 0.5 m to > 3 m, and is commonly greyish-brown or pale grey. MacNeill (1954) clearly documented the presence of residuum on the SMB by describing ten occurrences of unconsolidated granite bedrock that he believed were formed by intense weathering. Mahogany and dark salmon-coloured, weathered granite bedrock described in some instances by MacNeill (1954) probably represents intensive hydrothermal (hematitic) alteration of bedrock. Residuum, as observed by the authors, is commonly greyish-brown or locally

One kilometre west of Waterloo Lake (site 1) > 3 m of grey residual granite are exposed in a road cut. In situ weathering of the granite has produced a loose material with the original hypidiomorphic granular texture of the parent granodiorite bedrock. The residuum is easily excavated with a pick and shovel. Grey bands of silty material containing non-granitic clasts were observed in the residuum. The bands generally strike northeast and dip to the southeast. The bands are believed to be till wedges developed by the opening of tension fractures in the down-glacier direction during continued glacial drag and subsequent infilling with till

Greyish-brown residuum mixed and transported by ice is also preserved in a small gravel pit east of Waterloo Lake (site 2). The original texture of the parent bedrock is completely destroyed leaving a loose, disaggregated mass called grus. It overlies bedrock inscribed with striations trending 120°. The direction of ice flow indicated by the striations is in agreement with the orientation of the till wedges west of Waterloo Lake.

Residuum is overlain by Beaver River Till (GTB) along a logging road (site 3) separating Upper and Lower Thirty Lakes. The granodiorite clasts in the till are strongly weathered and were eroded from the underlying residual granite. Residuum exposed in a gravel pit 2 km east of Waterloo Lake (site 4) was incorporated into overlying Lawrencetown Till. The transition zone between the two units is approximately 0.5 m in width and contains allochthonous clasts mixed into the residuum during reworking by the overriding glacier.

Pavich (1986) calculated a rate for saprolite (residuum) development of 1 m per 250 000 years in a granite gneiss of the Virginia Piedmont. Based on this information and the observed thickness of residuum on this map sheet and elsewhere on the SMB (4-6 m) a pre-Pleistocene age is suggested for the residuum on map sheet 21A/10. This is in agreement with a pre-Pleistocene age suggested by MacNeill (1954) and also postulated for weathered bedrock in New Brunswick (Wang et al., 1981) and Cape Breton (McKeague et al., 1983).

LAWRENCETOWN TILL (LT)

Forty per cent of the map area is covered by Lawrencetown Till. It occurs as drumlins and ground moraine extending from Dalhousie road in the north to Barss Corner in the south and primarily overlies Meguma Group bedrock. It is bordered on the east by Sherbrooke Lake and extends westward past Springfield. This area of Lawrencetown Till is a northwesterly extension of the Lunenburg drumlin field of Grant (1963).

Drumlins are scattered throughout the Lawrencetown Till; however, the greatest concentration occurs near Springfield and New Germany where individual drumlins reach heights of 30 m. The orientation of the drumlins is generally northwest-southeast though some drumlins have a southward alignment suggesting deposition or more likely reorientation by a younger south-trending ice movement (Stea and Brown, 1989). Lawrencetown Till ground moraine, varying from < 1 m to 3 m in thickness, occurs between the drumlins. Bedrock exposure is primarily restricted to the areas of ground moraine.

Clasts in the Lawrencetown Till were eroded from the SMB and bedrock sources 35-50 km to the north in the basaltic lavas of the North Mountain, metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks of the White Rock Formation, and grey-black slate derived from the Meguma Group, Torbrook and Kentville formations. The ratio of SMB to non-granitic lithologies varies depending on the facies of Lawrencetown Till. The drumlin facies is consistently dominated by 50-90% allochthonous rock types. The Lawrencetown Till ground moraine has a non-granitic clast component varying from 30-50%. Non-granitic lithologies in drumlins near Springfield are grey, pink and purple quartzite, dark grey to black rhyolitic tuff, grey-black slate and basalt. In the New Ross drumlin field, east of Sherbrooke Lake, the White Rock lithologies are absent and the

dominant non-granitic rocks are grey-black slate and basalt. The preponderance of White Rock clasts in the Springfield area results from the large area of subcropping up-ice metasedimentary and

metavolcanic rocks to the northwest. Cann, D. B. and Hilchey, J. D. 1958: Soil survey of Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia; Nova The presence of non-granitic clasts in Lawrencetown Till on the New Germany map sheet, with bedrock sources within the Fundy, Horton and Meguma groups near Digby, indicates largescale southeast glacial dispersion across the SMB. However the

SMB granite clast component in Lawrencetown Till on map sheet 21A/10 only reflects underlying and/or immediately up-ice bedrock sources within a maximum distance of 12 km. Most Lawrencetown Till in the study area shows limited dispersion of immediately up-ice granite bodies. For example, within Lawrencetown Till ground moraine near Springfield, up-ice Scrag Lake Granodiorite clasts show limited dispersion of approximately 2 km down-ice across the Lake George Leucomonzogranite with a concommitent increase in the proportion of leucomonzogranite in the till. Similarly, in the Butler Lake area there is significant onlap of East Dalhousie Leucomonzogranite southeastward onto the Salmontail Monzogranite (Fig. 1). However, there is only a 20-25%

incorporation of locally-derived Salmontail Monzogranite at a distance 5-6 km southeast of its most northerly contact with the East Dalhousie Leucomonzogranite. Near Springfield drumlins overlap a bedrock contact between the Scrag Lake Granodiorite and the Lake George Leucomonzogranite of Horne (1987). The Lawrencetown Till contains granite clasts eroded from the underlying bedrock; however, there is virtually no clast dispersion of Scrag Lake Granodiorite southeastward onto the Lake George Leucomonzogranite.

In all three examples there is a total absence of granite clasts whose source areas can be easily traced to bedrock units mapped over a distance of 12-35 km up-ice to the northwest by MacDonald and Ham (1988), Corey and Horne (1989) and Ham (1989). There is in effect an approximately 20 km skip zone where bedrock lithologies are not represented in the clast geology of the Lawrencetown Till deposited on the New Germany map sheet.

A model is presented for erosion, incorporation, transportation and deposition of material within Lawrencetown Till. A large proportion of the material in Lawrencetown Till was eroded and incorporated into a basal ice position by southeast- to southflowing ice north of the SMB over rocks of the Fundy, Horton and Meguma groups. As the ice impinged on the north flank of the SMB subglacial debris was sheared into an englacial position, effectively removing Lawrencetown Till from any further input of granitic material as ice flowed across the SMB. Prior to and/or at the time of deposition locally-derived granitic lithologies were incorporated as Lawrencetown Till was deposited by a process of basal melting, suggested by Nielson (1976). The amount of locallyderived granitic debris and the amount of dispersion are proportional to the resonance time of the Lawrencetown Till in a basal ice position prior to deposition. Thus, drumlins contain very little local material while ground moraine contains more granite clasts and shows greater dispersion.

BEAVER RIVER TILL (BRT)

The Beaver River Till is divided into ablation, ground moraine and drumlin-derived units after Finck et al., 1992.

Ground Moraine: This unit is subdivided into granite (GTB),

greywacke (GWB) and slate (STB) lithological facies. Greywacke and slate ground moraine cover 18% of the map sheet, occurring in the central and southern part of the map area overlying Meguma Group bedrock. Mapping by the authors was restricted to the SMB and the immediate exocontact. The distribution of greywacke and slate ground moraine is based primarily on Nova Scotia Soil Survey maps (Cann et al., 1958; 1965; MacDougall et al., 1969). This work was slightly modified to accommodate our airphotograph interpretation and the minor amount of mapping performed along the SMB-Meguma Group contact during this survey. It is interpretative in nature and should be viewed accordingly. Granite ground moraine covers 31% of the map area. It is restricted to the east, north and west margins of the map sheet. Beaver River ground moraine forms a flat, featureless to

rolling topography. Drumlins are less common in this unit than in

areas of Lawrencetown Till. Where drumlins occur the ground moraine usually forms a mantle till overlying stratigraphically older tills. The till composition of drumlins in areas of limited access was based on airphotograph interpretation and regional mapping. As such, the surface till on some of these drumlins may actually be Beaver River drumlin-derived moraine or older Lawrencetown Till. Clasts in ground moraine tills are locally derived and can be used to infer underlying bedrock geology. At comparison of the

clast geology of the Beaver River Till with the bedrock geology of the area (Fig. 3) shows that the distribution of granite and Meguma Group till clasts closely mirrors the known bedrock geology. The accurate representation of bedrock lithologies in the clast geology of the overlying ground moraine is due to the short (200 m) renewal distances in the till (Fig. 4). In areas of thin till (<1 m), such as overlying the East Dalhousie Leucomonzogranite in the north-central portion of the map sheet and overlying small porphyry and leucomonzogranite bodies south of Springfield Lake, the renewal distance in the till is a few tens of metres.

The short transport distance of clasts in the ground moraine makes it difficult to determine the direction of glacial transport using clast dispersal evidence. However, the bulk of the ground moraine appears to have been transported southeastward with minor dispersal toward the northwest during late-stage ice flow

Drumlin-Derived Moraine (GTB(D)): Approximately 1% of the map area is covered by drumlin-derived moraine. It occurs along the north edge of the map sheet and near Meiseners Section. This till is a laterally equivalent facies of the Beaver River granite ground moraine enriched in non-granitic lithologies due to its proximity to the Lawrencetown Till. At Meiseners Section, the area is extensively drumlinized and the enrichment of Meguma Group greywacke in this till results from inheritance of clasts from the Lawrencetown Till (Finck and Stea, 1990).

Mapping of the drumlin-derived moraine near Meiseners Section is problematical. In this area bedrock was mapped as Little Round Lake Monzogranite by Horne (1987). Tills in the area generally appear to be drumlin-derived moraine; however, some samples containing up to 72% Meguma Group greywacke appear to be Beaver River Till ground moraine. This inconsistency might be explained by the presence of unmapped subcropping inliers of Meguma Group rocks.

Ablation Moraine (GTC): Approximately 1% of the map area is covered by granitic ablation moraine. It forms a poorly developed hummocky moraine restricted to the northwest corner of the map sheet. Till exposure is limited with its distribution based mainly on airphotograph interpretation and its spatial relationship to more extensive ablation deposits on map sheet 21A/15. The ablation

ICE-CONTACT DEPOSITS (IC)

Approximately 1% of the map area is covered by icecontact deposits that form an esker and small kames near Tommy Lake and small kames southeast of Waterloo Lake. Esker and kame sediments are derived primarily from glacial debris by the washing and sorting action of meltwater. The clast geology of the icecontact deposits will reflect the provenance of the englacial and subglacial load. In areas of Beaver River ground moraine, clasts of the ice-contact deposits are derived from the clast geology of the till and hence reflect local bedrock geology. Direct field evidence occurs north of Tommy Lake where kame gravel is composed predominantly of Lake George Leucomonzogranite. The till is Beaver River ground moraine and the underlying bedrock is Lake George Leucomonzogranite. Ice-contact deposits also have a lithologic content representative of the surrounding Lawrencetown Till. Southeast of Waterloo Lake, the Lawrencetown Till hosts 10-54% granite believed to be Scrag Lake Granodiorite, 6-32% Joe Simon Leucomonzogranite and 40-70% allochthonous clasts. In this area kame gravel at two sites has a similar lithologic composition of 25% Scrag Lake Granodiorite, 5% Joe Simon Leucomonzogranite and 70% allochthonous clasts.

* Renewal distance is the distance required by a given rock type (measured from the proximal contact of the up-ice lithology) to increase its proportion in till from 0% to 50% (Peltoniemi, 1985).

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moraine, Pleasant River Lake, Lunenburg County.

FIGURE 2: Dispersal characteristics of the Beaver River Till ground

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BATHOLIT

FIGURE 3: The block diagram illustrates the spatial and temporal relationships observed or inferred between till units, their lithofacies and the relationships between till and underlying bedrock geology

Gradational Lithofacies Contact.... Stratigraphic Relationship Uncertain __ ? __ ? __ ? __ Ablation Boulder..... III Mound

> on the South Mountain Batholith. The horizontal and vertical scales are schematic.

Halifax ATLANTIC 0 40 80 120 160 200 SABLE 0 100 200 300 ISLAND Kilometres

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BATHOLITH

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