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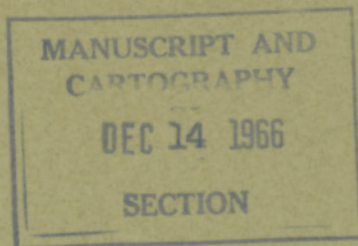
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INTRODUCTION

Both the 2-L counter, described in GSC I, and the 5-L counter (GSC IV) were operated routinely during the past year. Approximately one-half of the determinations reported here were obtained from each counter. The 5-L counter was operated mainly at 1 atm.

For more than a year, age calculations have been carried out monthly by an I.B.M. 1620 computer. If the background, standard, and sample counts during a month conform to statistical laws, they are entered on sheets together with their respective counting times and sample identifications and sent to the computing center for processing.

The calculations are based on a C^{14} half-life of 5568 ± 30 yr and 0.95 of the activity of the NBS oxalic-acid standard, and the ages are quoted in years before 1950. The age errors include: counting errors of sample, background, and standard; the error in the half-life of C^{14} ; and an error term to account for the average variation of $\pm 1.5\%$ in the C^{14} concentration of the biosphere during the past 1100 yr. "Infinite" ages are based on the 4σ criterion (GSC II).

No changes have been made in the routine sample-preparation and purification techniques described in GSC IV.

For the interest of other laboratories, the average background and standard counting rates over the past 14 months are listed in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. The monthly average background count is made up of 4 individual daily counts. During the 14 month period ten different background preparations were counted in each counter, and no count was rejected. The standard counting rates listed in Table 2 are the monthly averages of 3 individual daily counts. Again none of the oxalic-acid standard preparations (10 for each counter) and none of the daily counts were rejected.

In order to gain further information on the validity of C^{14} dates from bones, several samples were separated into the organic (collagen) and inorganic (carbonate) fractions using the first procedure described by Berger *et al.* (1964). The results are shown in Table 3. As expected, the carbonate fraction is younger than the collagen except for GSC-488, where good agreement between the ages of whale ear bone collagen and carbonate possibly suggests that dates of carbonates from closed bone structure are more reliable than dates from open bone structure. Note the excellent agreement between jaw bone collagen (GSC-447) and tooth dentin (GSC-490) from a bison jaw bone in which the teeth were still

* The introductory part of this paper has been prepared by the first two authors; the latter now operates the laboratory. The date list has been compiled by the third and fourth authors from descriptions of samples and interpretations of dates by various collectors.

TABLE 1
 Monthly Background (c/m) for Period
 August 1, 1964 to October 1, 1965

Month	2-L counter (2 atm)	5-L counter (1 atm)
August 1964	1.254 ± .017	2.306 ± .029
September	1.218 ± .013	2.366 ± .028
October	1.253 ± .021	*3.119 ± .020
November	1.279 ± .016	2.362 ± .017
December	1.240 ± .014	2.352 ± .019
January 1965	1.300 ± .018	2.399 ± .018
February	1.263 ± .018	2.399 ± .025
March	1.209 ± .017	2.350 ± .024
April	1.240 ± .019	*3.093 ± .026
May	1.244 ± .019	2.280 ± .026
June	1.240 ± .027	2.305 ± .038
July	1.209 ± .035	2.318 ± .038
August	1.239 ± .017	2.301 ± .038
September	1.238 ± .018	2.268 ± .024

* 5-L counter operating at 4 atm.

in place. In the other 2 cases where comparison of different sample types was possible (GSC-450 and GSC-150; GSC-454 and L604A, L604B, Lamont VII) there is also excellent agreement between the bone collagen and the associated shell material. Sample GSC-454 is rather unique in that the carbonate fraction dates "modern" whereas the collagen date is 10,420 yr.

TABLE 2
 Monthly Standard, N_o^* , (c/m) for Period
 August 1, 1964 to October 1, 1965

Month	2-L counter (2 atm)	5-L counter (1 atm)
August 1964	20.087 ± .069	28.536 ± .118
September	19.965 ± .067	28.451 ± .085
October	19.922 ± .069	**111.003 ± .219
November	19.931 ± .070	28.429 ± .114
December	20.059 ± .066	28.630 ± .157
January 1965	19.763 ± .098	28.752 ± .116
February	20.008 ± .095	28.504 ± .115
March	20.137 ± .077	29.032 ± .114
April	20.003 ± .105	**110.624 ± .231
May	19.974 ± .097	28.705 ± .130
June	19.971 ± .101	28.820 ± .124
July	20.044 ± .150	28.774 ± .117
August	20.112 ± .096	28.790 ± .120
September	19.986 ± .094	28.940 ± .114

* N_o = 0.95 X net counting rate of the NBS oxalic-acid standard.

** 5-L counter operating at 4 atm.

Column 4 of Table 3 lists the fractional counting rates expressed in percent with respect to the corrected oxalic-acid standard. The counting error of the standard is not included in the error of the fractions (GSC IV).

TABLE 3
Comparison of Organic and Inorganic Fractions of Bones*

Sample No.	Fraction	Age (yr)	Net counting rate (% of standard)
GSC-266	Whale rib		
	Collagen	8640 ± 140	34.09 ± 0.22
	Carbonate	3260 ± 130	66.57 ± 0.30
GSC-355**	Whale baleen	1110 ± 130	87.06 ± 0.29
GSC-488**	Whale ear (bone)		
	Collagen	980 ± 140	88.53 ± 0.50
	Carbonate	840 ± 130	90.08 ± 0.43
GSC-489**	Whale limb		
	Collagen	930 ± 130	89.06 ± 0.28
	Carbonate	480 ± 140	94.14 ± 0.58
GSC-361	Whale vertebra		
	Collagen	3050 ± 130	68.40 ± 0.36
	Carbonate	2310 ± 150	75.00 ± 0.72
GSC-362	Whale jaw		
	Collagen	2820 ± 130	70.36 ± 0.33
	Carbonate	2220 ± 130	75.80 ± 0.33
GSC-447	Bison jaw		
	Collagen	6160 ± 140	46.48 ± 0.27
	Carbonate	1090 ± 140	87.28 ± 0.47
GSC-490***	Bison teeth		
	Dentin	6100 ± 180	46.80 ± 0.70
	Carbonate	2130 ± 130	76.72 ± 0.35
GSC-449	Charred bone		
	Organic	1160 ± 120	86.50 ± 0.29
	Carbonate	390 ± 130	95.25 ± 0.50
GSC-450	Whale vertebra		
	Collagen	8990 ± 140	32.66 ± 0.20
	Carbonate	4990 ± 140	53.75 ± 0.28
GSC-150	Shells	9180 ± 170	31.90 ± 0.13
GSC-452	Whale bone		
	Collagen	1380 ± 130	84.24 ± 0.48
	Carbonate	450 ± 130	94.51 ± 0.50
GSC-454	Whale bone (beluga)		
	Collagen	10,420 ± 150	27.33 ± 0.14
	Carbonate	Modern	105.00 ± 0.65
L604A	Shells	10,700 ± 200	
L604B	Shells	10,550 ± 200	

* Detailed descriptions of all samples appear in this date list except for GSC-150 (GSC III) and L604A, L604B (Lamont VII), and GSC-361, 362, 447, 490 and 452, deferred to a later list.

** These three samples are all from the same whale.

*** Teeth from jaw (GSC-447).

Tests for C^{14} contamination in shell samples (cf. GSC II, GSC III, and GSC IV) were continued during the past year as shown in Part A of Table 4.

Further tests were carried out on the problem of humic contamination of peat samples from permafrost areas (GSC IV). The results are listed in Part B of Table 4, and again show that contamination is absent. This conclusion is strengthened by the analyses of the completely untreated portions of GSC-305 and GSC-310.

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TABLE 4
Tests for C^{14} contamination*

Sample No.	Fraction	Age (yr B.P.)	Net counting rate (% of standard)
A. MARINE SHELLS			
GSC-277	23-59%	>47,400	0.132 \pm 0.037
	60-100	>49,000	0.117 \pm 0.025
GSC-350	44-72	7860 \pm 150	37.57 \pm 0.32
	73-100	7980 \pm 150	36.97 \pm 0.29
GSC-351	49-74	5910 \pm 140	47.86 \pm 0.26
	75-100	6010 \pm 140	47.27 \pm 0.26
GSC-394	0-50	>32,000	0.173 \pm 0.360
	51-100	>33,000	0.354 \pm 0.466
FRESH WATER SHELLS			
GSC-413	10-55	>35,500	0.249 \pm 0.234
	56-100	>34,400	0.579 \pm 0.197
B. PEAT SAMPLES			
GSC-300	less soluble**	2330 \pm 150	74.80 \pm 0.68
	more "	2210 \pm 130	75.95 \pm 0.37
GSC-305	less soluble***	220 \pm 130	97.25 \pm 0.48
	more "	270 \pm 130	96.73 \pm 0.42
	untreated	270 \pm 130	96.70 \pm 0.37
GSC-310	less soluble	9620 \pm 150	30.18 \pm 0.23
	more "	9510 \pm 150	30.61 \pm 0.23
	untreated	9620 \pm 140	30.18 \pm 0.17
GSC-402	less soluble	1050 \pm 140	87.71 \pm 0.43
	more "	1170 \pm 140	86.42 \pm 0.66
GSC-427	less soluble	>40,700	0.059 \pm 0.16
	more "	>35,000	0.109 \pm 0.32

* Detailed descriptions of all samples appear in this date list except for GSC-350, 351, 394, 402, and 427.

** Degree of solubility refers to solubility in 2% NaOH.

*** This sample from northern Ontario, south of zone of discontinuous permafrost.

SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS

I. GEOLOGIC SAMPLES

A. Eastern Canada

GSC-370. Hillsborough, Cape Breton Island >51,000

Wood from basal part of 0 to 4 ft-thick peat bed at base of 5 ft of clayey strata with carbonaceous and vegetal layers, in road cut at head of Mabou Inlet, W of Hillsborough, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (46° 04' 30" N Lat, 61° 17' W Long), at alt < 50 ft. Peat overlies oxidized sand and gravel; section is capped by red clay till. Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest*. *Comment* (V.K.P.): pollen study by R. J. Mott indicates a northern boreal forest cover rather than that of the region today. Deposits were earlier dated at >21,000 yr (Y-232; Flint and Rubin, 1955) and >38,000 yr (W-157, USGS II). Date based on one 3-day count in 5-L counter at 4 atm.

GSC-290. Whycomomagh, Cape Breton Island >44,000

Wood from 1 ft-thick plant detrital layer in 4 to 5 ft silt and gravel unit beneath 10 ft gravelly till in road cut on N side of Whycomomagh, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (45° 58' 30" N Lat, 61° 07' 30" W Long). Silt-gravel unit is underlain by stony clay till on bedrock. Site first reported by D. G. Kelley in 1955. Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest. *Comment* (V.K.P.): pollen studies by R. J. Mott suggest possible correlation with Hillsborough organic deposits (GSC-370, this list). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-283. Bay St. Lawrence, Cape Breton Island >38,300

Wood from 1 to 5 in.-thick organic detrital layer, 20 to 30 ft above base of 150 ft sea cliff, SW shore of Bay St. Lawrence, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (47° 00' 50" N Lat, 60° 27' W Long). Organic layer is underlain by discontinuous silt and gravel (up to 44 in. thick) on this stony till on bedrock, and overlain by thin silt passing upward through sand into gravel. Site discovered by E. R. W. Neale in 1954 (cf. Neale, 1964). E. H. Muller (Syracuse Univ., Syracuse, New York) observed a 12 ft-thick lens of clayey sediment containing fragments of marine shells, above the upper gravels. Whole section overlain by 30 to 90 ft of gravelly boulder till (?). Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest. *Comment* (V.K.P. and R. J. Mott): dated layer has yielded an arboreal pollen assemblage dominated by alder, with subsidiary amounts of birch and varied conifers. Deposit is inferred to represent an early Wisconsin nonglacial interval.

2050 ± 130

GSC-281. Cabot Trail, Cape Breton Island 100 B.C.

Wood (root) from basal peat at 44 to 48 in. depth in bog on highlands, at mileage 13 from W coast, Cabot Trail, Cape Breton Island,

* All persons referred to as collectors or submitters of samples or cited as sources of data are with the Geological Survey of Canada unless otherwise specified.

Nova Scotia (46° 45' 30" N Lat, 60° 51' W Long). Peat overlies 20 in. of mixed cobbles, sand, and plant detritus on stony till. Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest.

8770 ± 150

GSC-336. 'Salmon River Lake,' Cape Breton Island 6820 B.C.

Lake mud from 3.60 to 3.80 m depth in core coll. with piston sampler from 'Salmon River Lake,' Richmond County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (45° 38' 40" N Lat, 60° 46' 30" W Long), at alt ca. 140 ft. Sample is from B (high pine) zone of the pollen profile. Coll. 1955 by D. A. and B. G. R. Livingstone, Duke Univ., Durham, North Carolina; subm. by J. Terasmae. *Comment* (D.A.L.): date is first from Nova Scotia on B zone in pollen sequence (cf. Flint and Deevey, 1957; Deevey, 1958; Livingstone and Livingstone, 1958). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pre-treatment.

9030 ± 170

GSC-335. Wreck Cove, Cape Breton Island 7080 B.C.

Lake mud from 3.10 to 3.30 m depth in core coll. with piston sampler from unnamed pond 1¼ mi SW of Wreck Cove, Victoria County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (46° 32' 25" N Lat, 60° 26' 50" W Long), at alt ca. 1150 ft. Sample is from base of A zone, immediately above L zone, of the pollen profile. Coll. 1959 by D. A. Livingstone; subm. by J. Terasmae. *Comment* (D.A.L.): date is first giving minimum age for deglaciation of Cape Breton highlands (see comments for GSC-333, this list). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

9650 ± 150

GSC-333. 'Silver Lake,' Nova Scotia 7700 B.C.

Lake mud from 4.25 to 4.50 m depth in core coll. with piston sampler from 'Silver Lake,' Halifax County, Nova Scotia (44° 33' 48" N Lat, 63° 38' 34" W Long). Sample is from lower part of A zone, immediately above late-glacial L zone, of the pollen profile. Coll. 1955 by D. A. Livingstone; subm. by J. Terasmae. *Comment* (D.A.L.): date is first for the inferred arrival of closed forest at a mainland Nova Scotia locality; it also provides a minimum age for deglaciation. It is younger than Y-524 (10,340 ± 220, Yale IV) but older than GSC-335 (9030 ± 170, this list) which date similar stratigraphic levels at Gillis Lake, in Cape Breton lowlands, and near Wreck Cove, in Cape Breton highlands, respectively. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

640 ± 250

GSC-293. Freeland, Prince Edward Island A.D. 1310

Carbonaceous body within gravel at 4.5 ft depth in pit in beach material, E side of road, 1 mi W of Callaghan Point and ¾ mi NNE of Freeland, Malpeque map-area, Prince Edward Island (46° 42' 15" N Lat, 63° 57' 30" W Long), at alt 25 ft. Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest. *Comment*

(V.K.P.): date indicates that organic material is burned root rather than vegetal matter deposited with beach material. NaOH leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 1-day count.

12,640 ± 190

GSC-312. St. Nazaire-de-Buckland, Quebec **10,690 B.C.**

Gyttja from base of 6 m of organic lake sediments overlying silt and clay in a small lake 3.5 mi NE of St. Nazaire-de-Buckland, Quebec (46° 35' N Lat, 70° 36' 30" W Long), at alt ca 1325 ft. Sample obtained with a Livingstone piston corer. Coll. 1964 by R. J. Mott in support of glacial geology studies by N. R. Gadd. *Comment* (N.R.G. and J. Terasmae): lake is S of a moraine system extending NE from St. Philémon (Dorchester Co.) which in turn is S of Highland Front moraine system (Gadd, 1964); both moraine systems predate Champlain Sea. Date is minimal for deglaciation of this part of N slope of Appalachian Highlands; it suggests contemporaneity of an ice marginal position near St. Nazaire with pre-Champlain Sea stony marine clays in the vicinity of Trois Pistoles, Quebec (Lee, 1963), dated at 12,720 ± 170 (GSC-102, GSC II). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment.

Lake St. John series, Quebec

8680 ± 140

GSC-313. Alma **6730 B.C.**

Marine shells (mostly *Hiatella arctica* and *Macoma balthica*) overlain by ca. 15 ft sand, in a pit 1 mi S of Alma, Quebec (48° 31' N Lat, 71° 38' W Long), at alt ca. 427 ft. Coll. 1964 by P. Lasalle, Ministère des Richesses Naturelles, Québec.

9340 ± 160

GSC-375. Metabetchouan **7390 B.C.**

Marine shells (mostly *Macoma balthica*) from gravel 3 to 4 ft below ground surface in reworked outwash, in pit 1 mi E of Metabetchouan, Quebec (48° 26' N Lat, 71° 38' W Long), at alt ca. 398 ft. Coll. 1964 by P. Lasalle.

General Comment: shells at each site were believed to have been deposited during marine stands at or close to level at which shells occur. However, GSC-375 is from only ca. 6 mi S (ice retreated N) of GSC-313, yet it is some 600 yr older in spite of being ca. 30 ft lower. Perhaps the difference can be explained by the uplift that occurred during the time it took the ice to retreat 6 mi; alternatively older shells may represent a stand of the sea at some level above 427 ft (the marine limit in the general area is at 550 ft alt). GSC-375 provides minimum date for deglaciation, and dates show that marine invasion of the Lake St. John area occurred later than Champlain Sea episode but earlier than the Tyrrell Sea in James Bay lowlands (Lasalle, 1965). Date for GSC-313 based on one 3-day count. GSC-375 mixed with dead gas for counting.

10,420 ± 150
8470 B.C.

GSC-454. Foster Sand Pit, Ottawa, Ontario

Bones of white whale (beluga) from Foster Sand Pit, 0.5 mi NW of Uplands Airport, Ottawa, Ontario (45° 20' N Lat, 75° 42' W Long), at depth ca. 20 ft (alt ca. 300 ft) in sand spit developed by shore currents of Champlain Sea (Gadd, 1963). Coll. 1956 by G. B. Rolland, Ottawa, for N. R. Gadd. *Comment*: dated whale bones coll. 15 to 20 ft above shells from same pit dated as 10,700 ± 200 and 10,550 ± 200 (L-604A, 604B, resp., Lamont VII). Date for collagen from bone agrees closely with dates for shells. 'Modern' date of carbonate fraction of same bone illustrates unreliability of dates for inorganic part of bone. As sample was collected since initiation of nuclear bomb testing, the greater than 'modern standard' C¹⁴ activity of the bone carbonate possibly is result of contamination with nuclear bomb carbon. If this is so, an unexpectedly rapid chemical interchange has taken place between air, groundwater, and bone in these permeable deposits above water table. Two determinations were made:

collagen fraction	10,420 ± 150
carbonate fraction	'modern'
	105 ± .65% of standard

10,040 ± 150
8090 B.C.

GSC-264. Kaladar, Ontario

Silty gyttja from base of peat and lake sediment sequence overlying sand at depth of 590 to 595 cm in Sharbot Creek bog, 15 mi E of Kaladar, Ontario (44° 45' 20" N Lat, 75° 50' 40" W Long). Sample obtained with 2 in. GSC piston corer. Coll. 1964 by J. Terasmae and R. J. Mott. *Comment* (J.T.): this date provides minimum age for deglaciation and beginning of accumulation of organic sediment. Pollen diagram from this bog indicates that sequence is truncated at the base; hence a time gap exists between gyttja and sand.

10,390 ± 160
8440 B.C.

GSC-270. Harrowsmith, Ontario

Gyttja collected with Hiller sampler from base of peat and lacustrine sediment sequence in Harrowsmith bog, 2 mi WNW of Harrowsmith, Ontario, and ca. 20 mi NW of Kingston (44° 25' N Lat, 76° 42' W Long). Bog lies in E-trending bedrock valley within Dummer moraine. Dated gyttja is underlain by soft clay assigned to Lake Iroquois. *Comment* (J.T.): date represents end of spruce episode in pollen sequence at site (which extends deeper than dated layer). Date is minimal for Lake Iroquois stage. Preliminary acid leach added to sample pretreatment, which also included cold NaOH leach.

10,050 ± 390
8100 B.C.

GSC-314. Kingston Mills, Ontario

Small lacustrine and terrestrial molluscan shells from depth of 4 ft in road cut through a small oriented clay ridge 3 mi NE of Kingston

Mills, Ontario (44° 19' N Lat, 76° 24' W Long). Sample from gently dipping slightly deformed lake clays flooring a long narrow depression between rocky ridges, alt 325 ft (ca. 80 ft above Lake Ontario). Coll. 1963 by E. P. Henderson. *Comment* (E.P.H.): field evidence supports an interpretation of these clays as of glacial-lake origin, and the presence of terrestrial gastropods with normal lacustrine types suggests introduction of the former from nearby water-free ground. Although sample is slightly younger than was expected from information elsewhere in the Ontario basin (see Karrow *et al.*, 1961, p. 666, "Lake Iroquois was probably drained close to 10,400 to 10,600 years ago"), it may represent a shallow, island-studded water body, the lowest and youngest of a series of short-lived, ice-dammed lakes that occupied a transition period between Lakes Iroquois and Ontario. Date is approx. same as I-1223 (10,200 ± 500, unpub.) for earliest Lake Ontario from bottom of bog on S side of Hwy. 401 W of Cataraqui River, some 4.5 mi to SW. However, the difficulty of placing an ice dam blocking the outlet of the Ontario basin compatible both with this date and with those for the Champlain Sea, ranging from 10,200 ± 500 (L-604D, Lamont VIII) to 11,410 ± 150 (GSC-187, GSC IV), suggests that present date should be treated with caution. Sample untreated and mixed with dead gas for counting.

38,900 ± 1300

GSC-271. Scarborough, Ontario

36,950 B.C.

Peaty layers in silt and sand of Thorncliffe Formation, exposed in Scarborough Bluffs at Cudia Park, Ontario (43° 43' 15" N Lat, 79° 13' 30" W Long). Early Wisconsinan Sunnybrook Till underlies the peaty beds and in turn overlies a thick sequence of peaty sand and clay (Scarborough Formation) dated nearby at >52,000 (Gro-2555; Karrow, 1962, 1964). Three tills above Thorncliffe beds are considered to be Late Wisconsinan; youngest predates Lake Iroquois dated elsewhere at ca. 12,000 yr (Karrow *et al.*, 1961). Coll. 1964 by P. F. Karrow. *Comment* (P.F.K.): date supports previous assignment of Thorncliffe Formation to a mid-Wisconsinan nonglacial interval. Date based on one 4-day count.

Note added in proof: Since preparation of this list, another sample from this deposit has yielded a much older date. Hence, the above date should be treated with caution. Details will be included in next date list.

11,860 ± 170

GSC-211. Tupperville, Ontario

9910 B.C.

Plant remains from Perry Farm mastodon site 0.4 mi NE of Tupperville, Ontario (42° 35' 30" N Lat, 82° 16' W Long) from top of 4 in. of lacustrine clayey, calcareous silt (Layer c, Dreimanis, 1962, p. 248) covered by a 6 ft-thick sand bar. Coll. 1962 by A. Dreimanis, Univ. of Western Ontario, London. *Comment* (A.D.): this date, for plant material that grew in place, agrees with S-172 (12,000 ± 200; Saskatchewan IV) for fine plant detritus from approx. same stratigraphic horizon, and confirms beginning of Early Lake St. Clair at least 12,000 yr B.P.

GSC-301. Massey, Ontario **4080 ± 130**
2130 B.C.

Wood from uppermost part of 7 to 8 ft-thick unit of silty sand grading down into clayey silt, underlain by sand and gravel and overlain by sand, in river bank S of hwy bridge over River Aux Sables, Massey, Ontario (46° 12' 40" N Lat, 82° 04' 10" W Long). Alt at surface ca. 630 ft, hence 50 ft above Lake Huron. Coll. 1964 by V. K. Prest. *Comment* (V.K.P.): dated stratum is shallow water deposit probably related to lake level ca. 50 ft above Lake Huron, and hence may represent Algoma stage of Nipissing Great Lakes. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-334. Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario **8460 ± 140**
6510 B.C.

Gyttja coll. with Livingstone piston sampler 360 to 376 cm below surface of small lake (water depth ca. 1 m) 4 mi NW of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (46° 34' 30" N Lat, 84° 25' W Long), from base of lake sediment underlain by sand and gravel. Lake is dammed by a sand and gravel bar, alt 1025 ft, comprising highest distinct shoreline in the vicinity. Coll. 1964 by R. J. Mott for J. Terasmae. *Comment* (J.T.): date is somewhat younger than anticipated age of 1025-ft shoreline. Pollen profile for site is truncated at the base, indicating a lapse of time between isolation of the lake basin and initial organic sedimentation. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

Chin Lake series, Ontario

Muskeg and bog samples from test site selected for study of history and development of black spruce forest on muskeg 1.5 mi SE of Chin Lake, 30 mi N of Iroquois Falls, Ontario (49° 13' N Lat, 80° 38' W Long). Coll. 1964 by J. Terasmae.

GSC-487. Chin Lake, wood **7660 ± 140**
5710 B.C.

Wood and marly gyttja coll. with piston corer from base of 1 ft layer of lake sediment overlain by 8 ft of peat and underlain by silty clay. Date based on one 4-day count.

GSC-309. Chin Lake, peat (bog) **7150 ± 140**
5200 B.C.

Peat from base of 8 ft-deep bog, underlain by 1 ft of lacustrine sediment; coll. with piston corer at same site as GSC-487. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-308. Chin Lake, peat (thick muskeg) **5880 ± 140**
3930 B.C.

Peat coll. with piston corer from base of 3 ft-thick muskeg cover over silty clay. A soil had developed on the clay before peat started to accumulate.

270 ± 130

GSC-305. Chin Lake, peat (thin muskeg) A.D. 1680

Peat from base of 1 ft-thick muskeg cover over silty clay. A soil had developed on the clay before peat started to accumulate. Three fractions were dated:

untreated fraction (2-L counter)	270 ± 130
soluble in NaOH (2-L counter)	270 ± 130
not dissolved in NaOH (5-L counter)	220 ± 130

First two dates are based on one 3-day count. Soluble fraction was mixed with dead gas for counting.

General Comment (J.T.): GSC-487 dates sediment deposited in small residual pond following drainage of Glacial Lake Barlow-Ojibway and is oldest date, so far, within basin of this glacial lake. GSC-309 is slightly older than dates for bog-bottom peat within glacial lake basin (e.g. GSC-272, 6920 ± 140, GSC IV; Y-223, 6960 ± 90, Yale III). GSC-308 suggests that much of the muskeg expansion in the region has taken place in late postglacial time.

6100 ± 160

GSC-285. Little Pic River, Ontario

4150 B.C.

Wood chips from drainage ditch, S side of Trans-Canada Highway on E side of bridge over Little Pic River (48° 47' N Lat, 86° 37' W Long), in basal 1 ft of 16 ft of sand, with *Sphaerium sulcatum* in lower part, overlying silty clay with woody debris. Deposit represents a delta built into lake standing ca. 100 ft above Lake Superior and considered to be Nipissing by Farrand (1960). Coll. 1964 by S. C. Zoltai, Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests, Maple, Ontario, and V. K. Prest. *Comment* (V.K.P.): wood from the silty clay was previously dated as 5960 ± 110 and 5920 ± 120 (GSC-103 and 82, GSC II), whereas shells from overlying sand yielded date of 7060 ± 120 (GSC-91, GSC II). New date indicates that surface sand, as well as subsurface clay, accumulated some 6000 yr ago (see GSC-341, this list). NaOH leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on three 1-day counts.

5130 ± 130

GSC-341. Little Cypress River, Ontario

3180 B.C.

Wood from middle layer of seven woody layers in 13 ft sand unit overlying 3 to 4 ft of fine sand, overlying silt, from natural gully 0.5 mi E of Little Cypress River bridge on Trans-Canada Hwy, 21 mi E of Nipigon, Ontario (48° 56' N Lat, 87° 49' W Long). Coll. 1964 by S. C. Zoltai. *Comment* (S.C.Z.): date indicates age of lower Nipissing Great Lakes beach, at alt 692 ft in this area (Farrand, 1960). Age is greater than generally accepted age of Nipissing Great Lakes, but is consistent with Little Pic River dates (GSC-82, 5920 ± 120, and GSC-103, 5960 ± 110, both in GSC II; GSC-285, 6100 ± 160, this list). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-287. Rosslyn, Ontario **9380 ± 150**
7430 B.C.

Wood chips 10 in. above base of 3 to 4 ft sand unit overlying laminated clay with rare shells, from clay pits immediately SW of Rosslyn Village, 7 mi W of Fort William, Ontario (48° 21' 45" N Lat, 89° 27' 15" W Long), at alt 702 ft. Coll. 1964 by S. C. Zoltai. *Comment* (S.C.Z.): date indicates age of a post-Minong beach occurring at 743 ft elevation in Lakehead area (Farrand, 1960; Zoltai, 1965). Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 3-day count.

B. Western Canada

GSC-410. Grand Rapids, Manitoba **4670 ± 130**
2720 B.C.

Basal peat from 5 ft-thick bog along Hwy 6, sec. 28, tp. 45, rge. 12, W prin. mer. (52° 53' N Lat, 99° 08' W Long). Peat overlies gravel in a drainage ditch near southern edge of The Pas Moraine. Coll. 1965 by R. W. Klassen. *Comment*: sample dated in an attempt to obtain a minimum age for moraine; date believed to be considerably younger than age of moraine. Pretreatment included *cold* NaOH-leach. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-284. Duck Mountain, Manitoba **>37,760**

Plant detritus from fossiliferous silt 70 ft below surface along Roaring River, sec. 30, tp. 33, rge. 26, W prin. mer. (51° 51' N Lat, 101° 08' W Long). Silt is overlain by two tills and underlain by sand and gravel. Coll. 1964 by R. W. Klassen. *Comment* (R.W.K.): studies of ostracods and mollusca from silt suggest interstadial climate, rather than interglacial as suggested by Tyrrell (1892, p. 217E). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-346. Grandview, Manitoba **1670 ± 130**
A.D. 280

Charcoal from base of 4 ft-thick clay unit overlying till in bank of stream channel, NW ¼ sec. 33, tp. 23, rge. 22, W prin. mer. (51° 02' N Lat, 100° 31' W Long). Coll. 1963 by R. W. Klassen. *Comment*: in view of young date, clay is alluvial rather than a deposit of Glacial Lake Agassiz. Pretreatment included *cold* NaOH-leach. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

GSC-297. Minnedosa, Manitoba **>31,300**

Grass from inter-till silt exposed in 83 ft-high road cut along Minnedosa River valley, NE ¼ sec. 20, tp. 16, rge. 18, W prin. mer. (50° 22' N Lat, 99° 54' W Long). Silt is overlain by three tills separated by stratified sediments. Bones of a large ground squirrel (*Citellus*) and a large vole (*Microtus*), both id. by A. W. F. Banfield, Natl. Mus., Canada, were associated with the grass. Coll. 1964 by R. W. Klassen. *Comment* (R.W.K.): close resemblance of bones to those of Arctic ground squirrel

(*Citellus undulatus*) and tundra vole (*Microtus oeconomus*) suggests silt is an interstadial deposit. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

360 ± 130

GSC-443. Steveville Dinosaur Park, Alberta A.D. 1590

Willow wood from 7 in. log at 12 ft depth in silty floodplain of Little Sandhill Creek just above its confluence with Red Deer River, in Steveville Provincial Dinosaur Park, Alberta, SW ¼ sec. 7, tp. 21, rge. 11, W 4th mer. (50° 46' N Lat, 111° 31.5' W Long), at alt ca. 2100 ft. Sample obtained from a well. Coll. 1958 by R. Fowler, High River, Alberta; subm. by A. M. Stalker. *Comment* (A.M.S.): date on wood believed to be in place gives indication of rate of aggradation of Little Sandhill Creek. Date based on one 3-day count.

5430 ± 320

GSC-369. Lomond, Alberta

3480 B.C.

Freshwater gastropod shells from farm dugout, ca. 2 mi W of Lake McGregor and 11 mi W of Lomond, Alberta, SW ¼ sec. 7, tp. 16, rge. 21, W 4th mer. (50° 19.5' N Lat, 112° 53.5' W Long), at alt ca. 3200 ft. The 11 ft-high dugout face exposes pond and slopewash deposits, with an 8 in. bed of volcanic ash 5 ft from the base. An incipient soil ca. 1 ft above the ash marks a halt in deposition of the pond sediments and probably represents the 'Climatic Optimum'. Shells are from upper part of volcanic ash and lower few in. of overlying pond deposits. Coll. 1964 by A. M. Stalker. *Comment* (A.M.S.): assuming shells are not appreciably contaminated with recycled carbon, date is minimum for deposition of ash. No pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

2930 ± 150

GSC-316. Drummond Valley, Alberta

980 B.C.

Wood and organic debris from a mudflow in Drummond Valley, Alberta, tp. 36, rge. 15, W 5th mer. (51° 33' N Lat, 116° 40' W Long), at alt ca. 6500 ft. Sample, 9.5 ft below surface, is from lowest of several organic horizons. It is not considered to be much above bedrock, although nature of underlying deposits is unknown. Site is in mouth of valley, ca. 3 mi from Drummond Glacier. Coll. 1964 by J. G. Nelson, Univ. of Alberta, Calgary. Subm. by A. M. Stalker. *Comment* (J.G.N.): date is minimum for ice retreat from area and also provides information on rate of mass wasting; i.e., 9 to 10 ft of mudflow debris has accumulated in 3000 yr. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

9330 ± 170

GSC-332. North Saskatchewan Crossing, Alberta

7380 B.C.

Charcoal 6 ft below surface in river bank 300 ft SW of bridge over North Saskatchewan River, Banff National Park, Alberta (51° 58' N Lat, 116° 43' W Long), from lower part of 2 to 8 ft section of loess containing two volcanic ash beds, overlying outwash gravel. Coll. 1964 by J. Westgate, Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton. *Comment* (J.W.): charcoal is be-

lieved to have washed into the loess during or slightly later than deglaciation of this part of the valley.

GSC-197. Ruddock Creek, British Columbia **5470 ± 140**
3520 B.C.

Spruce log (id. by J. N. Roff, Forest Products Lab., Vancouver, B.C.) at alt 7600 ft, W of Gordenhorne Peak, head of Ruddock Creek, Monashee Range, British Columbia (51° 46.5' N Lat, 118° 54' W Long). Log exposed at E end of small lake by artificial melting of semi-permanent snow bank during mining exploration of "E" zone of I. T. Group. No trees grow at site, and highest trees of comparable size are below alt 6700 ft. Dated tree grew at or above sample site and hence represents climate more favourable than present. Coll. 1962 by E. Dodson, Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Vancouver; subm. by W. H. Mathews, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver. *Comment*: other dated occurrences of high-level wood in southern British Columbia are GSC-169 (3760 ± 140, GSC III) from Downie Creek 50 mi SE and Y-140 (5850 ± 180, Yale II) from Mt Garibaldi 200 mi SW; both were exposed by glacier retreat.

Kamloops series, British Columbia

GSC-275. Peterson Creek **>32,700**

Wood fragments from a stream cut on Peterson Creek $\frac{3}{4}$ mi S of Hwy 1 at Kamloops, British Columbia (50° 39' 45" N Lat, 120° 19' 40" W Long). Sample from 50 ft below till at base of an exposure of partially oxidized, interbedded silt and sand. A second till, stratigraphically below the oxidized succession, outcrops 600 ft to the S. Coll. 1964 by R. J. Fulton. *Comment* (R.J.F.): sand and silt are delta bottom-set beds deposited in a lake which occupied Thompson Valley at Kamloops at some time prior to Fraser Glaciation. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-413. Mission Flats **>35,500**

Freshwater shells (*Margaritifera margaritifera*, *Anodonta nuttalliana*; id. by F. J. E. Wagner) from a borrow pit in 35 ft of partially oxidized clayey, silty sand at base of S wall of Thompson River Valley ca. 5 mi W of Kamloops, British Columbia (50° 41' 20" N Lat, 120° 26' 30" W Long). Shells were incorporated in an alluvial fan deposit built into a lake which occupied Kamloops Lake basin prior to Fraser Glaciation. Coll. 1965 by R. J. Fulton. *Comment* (R.J.F.): date is minimum age for enclosing interstadial or interglacial deposits tentatively correlated lithologically with those at Peterson Creek. Date suggests that an earlier sample (GSC-79, GSC III), for which a finite age of 25,000 ± 460 was obtained, was contaminated. Two fractions were dated after removal of the outermost 10%:

outer fraction (10-55% leach), one 1-day count **>35,500**
inner fraction (56-100% leach), one 3-day count **>34,400**

GSC-298. Otter Creek, British Columbia **3390 ± 130**
1440 B.C.

Mucky peat directly below a 2 cm band of volcanic ash, 85 cm below surface of a bog, along Hwy 5 in valley of Otter Creek, 34.2 mi N of Princeton, British Columbia (49° 53' 00" N Lat, 120° 37' 30" W Long). Collected with Hiller peat borer. Peat from base of the 395-cm thick bog has been dated at 9320 ± 160 (GSC-256, GSC IV). Coll. 1964 by R. J. Fulton. *Comment* (R.J.F.): date suggests the volcanic ash resulted from the Mt St. Helens eruption 3200 yr ago (Crandell *et al.*, 1962). Pretreatment included cold NaOH-leach. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-345. Pemberton Creek, British Columbia **3410 ± 130**
1460 B.C.

Charcoal and humic-rich silt from depth of 180 cm in Recent alluvium exposed in a natural cut on Pemberton Creek, NW of South Thompson River 1.1 mi W of Pritchard, British Columbia (50° 41' 25" N Lat, 119° 50' 50" W Long). Charcoal was taken from lower part of a 5-cm band of volcanic ash and top of an underlying 7.5-cm band of humic silt. An elk horn wedge was incorporated in massive sandy silt 25 cm below the volcanic ash. Coll. 1963 by R. J. Fulton. *Comment* (R.J.F.): date is maximum for ash deposition and confirms petrologic correlation with the Mt St. Helen "Y" ash fall of 3200 B.P. (Crandell *et al.*, 1962). It also places minimum age on the horn artifact. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-321. Burnaby Lake, British Columbia **7340 ± 360**
5390 B.C.

Peat from 13.5 ft depth at Sperling Street Interchange, W end of Burnaby Lake, Vancouver, British Columbia (49° 14' 45" N Lat, 122° 57' 15" W Long). Shelby tube samples reported to have contained two ash layers separated by 6 in. peat; dated peat is from finer-grained, presumably upper, side of lower ash. Both ash beds are described by R. E. Wilcox (written commun., 1963) as not significantly different from Mazama "O" pumice. Coll. 1962, subm. by W. H. Mathews, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver. *Comment*: date is older than accepted age of Mazama eruption (6600 yr B.P., Powers and Wilcox, 1964) and thus is at variance with the stratigraphic relations inferred above. Possibly the dated material came from below rather than above the ash. Pretreatment included cold NaOH-leach. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

GSC-395. Fraser Delta, British Columbia **6790 ± 150**
4840 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells from borehole in Fraser Delta, 1000 ft N of 16th Ave., E side of 56th St., Delta Municipality, British Columbia (49° 02' 30" N Lat, 123° 04' 00" W Long), in silty sand 50 ft below surface and ca. 45 ft below sealevel. Coll. 1964 by W. L. Brown, Vancouver, British Columbia; subm. by J. E. Armstrong. *Comment* (J.E.A.): date

represents stage in growth of Fraser Delta when Point Roberts was still an island.

GSC-396. Mitchell Island, British Columbia **>40,000**

Wood from borehole on Mitchell Island, Vancouver metropolitan area, British Columbia (49° 12' 15" N Lat, 123° 05' 30" W Long), in clayey silt and silty sand 680 ft below surface and 675 ft below sealevel. Sampled horizon is overlain by ca. 300 ft of fine stratified sediments capped by 170 ft of till tentatively assigned to Surrey Drift of Vashon Stade of Fraser Glaciation. Coll. 1962 by W. L. Brown; subm. by J. E. Armstrong. *Comment* (J.E.A.): dated sub-till sediments were originally assigned to Quadra sediments of Olympia Interglaciation on basis of stratigraphy. Date is older than those typical of the Olympia (36,000 yr and less, Armstrong *et al.*, 1965) and deposit may represent an earlier nonglacial interval.

Koksilah River series, Vancouver Island

Peat from top and bottom of 18-ft section of organic sandy to clayey alluvium in road cut, Island Highway SE of Koksilah River bridge near Duncan, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (48° 45' 22" N Lat, 123° 40' 15" W Long). Organic strata are underlain by coarse silty gravel, enclose a bed of gravel 3 ft above base, and are overlain by discontinuous till capped by marine clay. Coll. 1964 by E. C. Halstead.

24,060 ± 300
GSC-318. Koksilah River upper peat **22,110 B.C.**

Peat from highest exposed organic bed, 18 ft above GSC-385.

24,380 ± 350
GSC-385. Koksilah River lower peat **22,430 B.C.**

Peat from base of organic section at alt 50 ft.

General Comment (E.C.H.): dated unit is assigned to Quadra sediments, formed during Olympia Interglaciation. Similar deposits at Cowichan Bay 2 mi SE yielded wood dated as 24,560 ± 800 (I-1225, unpub.). NaOH-leach omitted from pretreatment of both samples.

21,730 ± 230
GSC-317. Marie Canyon wood, Vancouver Island **19,780 B.C.**

Wood 100 ft above Cowichan River at Marie Canyon, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (48° 46' 43" N Lat, 123° 53' 36" W Long), from fine sand and silt within thick succession of clay, silt, and gravel beneath till. Coll. 1964 by E. C. Halstead. *Comment* (E.C.H.): date supports the less reliable date of 19,150 ± 250 (GSC-210, GSC IV) for diffuse organic matter in silt 15 ft higher in the sub-till succession, and confirms correlation with Quadra sediments. Date based on one 3-day count.

>47,400
GSC-163-2. Crofton peat, Vancouver Island

Peat at alt 100 ft on cut bank 'behind' pulp mill 0.75 mi N of Crofton, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (48° 52' 30" N Lat, 123° 38'

40" W Long), from 4 to 6 in. bed of peaty silt and wood within 15 ft of silt and clay underlain by sand and overlain by 10 ft of silty sand; succession is overlain and truncated by Vashon till. Coll. 1963 by E. C. Halstead. *Comment*: date is based on one 4-day count in 5-L counter at 4 atm and supersedes earlier date of $>38,800$ for same sample (GSC-163, GSC III).

GSC-358. Muir Point, Vancouver Island $>40,300$

Peat 76 ft above shore in coastal cliff at Muir Point near Sooke, Vancouver Island, British Columbia ($48^{\circ} 21' 28''$ N Lat, $123^{\circ} 44' 48''$ W Long), from uppermost of several peat beds in silt, clay, sand, and gravel underlain and overlain by till. Overlying till is tentatively assigned to last (Fraser) Glaciation. Coll. 1964 by E. C. Halstead. *Comment* (E.C.M. and J.G.F.): dated deposit, facing the Strait of Juan de Fuca, has not been placed in the stratigraphic sequence of Strait of Georgia-Puget Lowland to the E (Armstrong *et al.*, 1965; Crandell, 1965), but pollen analysis (J. Terasmae) suggests it is older than Olympia Interglacial, characteristically dated as 36,000 yr and younger (Armstrong *et al.*, 1965).

GSC-277. Denman Island shells, British Columbia $>49,000$

Barnacle shells (*Balanus evermanni*) ca. 10 ft above high tide on Komas Bluff, Denman Island, British Columbia ($49^{\circ} 35.6'$ N Lat, $124^{\circ} 49.3'$ W Long), from marine stony clay in basal part of Quadra sediments. Coll. 1963 by J. G. Fyles. *Comment*: sample duplicates L-475A ($>41,500$, Lamont VII); date extends known age of clay unit of Quadra sediments (other dates GSC-207, GSC IV; GSC II; L-514C, Lamont V; L-275A, Lamont VII). Two fractions were dated in the 5-L counter at 4 atm:

outer fraction (23-59% leach), two 1-day counts $>47,170$
inner fraction (60-100% leach), two 3-day counts $>49,000$

Data for inner fraction permits calculation of the date as $54,200 \pm 1800$, but the corresponding infinite date is more realistic.

**GSC-325. Blenkinsop Lake peat, Vancouver Island 5790 ± 140
3840 B.C.**

Peat and organic sand coll. with Hiller sampler at depth 4.5 to 5 m from base of bog, Blenkinsop Lake (alt ca. 90 ft), Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia ($48^{\circ} 28' 30''$ N Lat, $123^{\circ} 21' 30''$ W Long). Coll. 1964 by E. C. Halstead. *Comment* (E.C.H.): dated peat is underlain by clay that yielded marine shells at a nearby site dated at $12,660 \pm 160$ (GSC-246, GSC IV). Sample dated to gain information on time of emergence of site, but date probably is considerably younger than emergence. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment; date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-398. Saanichton, Vancouver Island **12,440 ± 230**
10,490 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shell fragments from gravel pit, Saanich Indian Reserve No. 2 near Saanichton, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (48° 35' 30" N Lat, 123° 23' 30" W Long), in clay (alt 25 ft) at base of deltaic deposit. Clay was deposited when sealevel stood at or above top of delta (alt 60 ft); marine limit is at ca. 250 ft. Coll. 1964 by E. C. Halstead. *Comment* (E.C.H.): date applies to an intermediate stage in uplift following deglaciation.

GSC-418. Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island **12,750 ± 170**
10,800 B.C.

Marine shells (*Saxidomus* sp.) at alt 65 ft in gravel pit 0.5 mi E of Patricia Bay, N of airport, on Mills Crossroad, Saanich Peninsula, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (48° 39' 30" N Lat, 123° 26' W Long), from shell-rich bed in sand forming lower part of gravelly, sandy, and till-like shore deposit up to 15 ft thick (before excavation). Beneath shore deposit are 1 to 3 ft of marine clay over 5 ft of till over sand. Shell bed probably represents relative sealevel approx. at top of deposit (alt ca. 80 ft). Coll. 1961 by E. Livingston, Water Rights Branch, Victoria, British Columbia; subm. by J. E. Armstrong. Stratigraphy revised 1963 by J. G. Fyles. *Comment*: date appears to apply to a somewhat higher relative sealevel and earlier stage in uplift than GSC-398 (this list). Outer 40% of shells removed before dating.

GSC-389. Wellington, Vancouver Island **12,740 ± 170**
10,790 B.C.

Worm tubes (*Serpula*) at alt 230 ft in gravel pit, N side of Island Highway 0.5 mi E of Wellington, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (49° 12.3' N Lat, 124° 00' W Long), associated with varied pelecypod shells in stony silt beneath inclined sand and gravel on flank of marine spit or bar. Crest of deposit is at alt 350 ft, ca. 100 ft below local marine limit. Coll. 1963 by E. C. Halstead and J. G. Fyles. *Comment*: date probably applies to relative sealevel at or above alt 350 ft during an early stage in the marine inundation that followed deglaciation. Shells from a nearby site at alt 350 ft have been dated as 12,420 ± 150 (GSC-80, GSC II). This area has undergone greater emergence and was deglaciated slightly later than the area 50 mi SE represented by the approx. equivalent dates GSC-398, GSC-418 (this list). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-265. Willemar Bluff soil, Vancouver Island **8680 ± 140**
6730 B.C.

Organic material from paleosol 10 ft above high tide at NE end of Willemar Bluff, 2 mi E of Comox, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (49° 40' 20" N Lat, 124° 53' W Long). Sandy soil 12 in. thick is underlain by 2 ft of marine beach gravel over till and is capped by ca. 100 ft of dune sand. Dunes probably formed when relative sealevel was a few ft below present. Coll. 1963 by J. G. Fyles. *Comment*: date agrees

with others from surrounding region relating to relative sealevel at or below present following early post-glacial rapid uplift (S-99, 7300 ± 120, Saskatchewan III; 8300 ± 200, S-142, Capes, 1964, p. 60; GSC-229, 8290 ± 140, GSC IV). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

C. Northern Canada, Mainland

GSC-412. Liard River, Yukon >40,100

Wood from log in lower part of more than 100-ft section of stratified and crossbedded sand and pebbly sand, overlain by ca. 100 ft of boulder till, in turn overlain by 2 ft grey-brown sand with intercalated ½-in. white ash bed, and capped by reddish soil, humus, and moss. Sample from actively eroding cliff, E side of Liard River, 39.2 mi NW of Upper Liard bridge, Alaska Hwy, Yukon Territory (60° 28' N Lat, 129° 41' W Long). Coll. 1952 by W. H. Poole. *Comment* (W.H.P.): preservation of wood suggests Pleistocene rather than pre-Pleistocene age, whereas highly kaolinized state of feldspar in granite pebbles within sand suggests age considerably older than latest ice advance. Feldspar in granite pebbles in till overlying sand is fresh.

GSC-342. Stewart River, Yukon >38,940

Wood enclosed in lenticular ash layer beneath 10 to 15 ft silt, organic silt and peat in natural exposure on SE side Stewart River, at mouth of small stream ca. 8.5 mi upstream from mouth of Valley Creek, Yukon Territory (63° 24' N Lat, 138° 10' W Long). Coll. 1964 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment* (O.L.H.): as suspected from field relationships, ash is much older than surface or near-surface ash layer of central and western Yukon (Bostock, 1952; Stuiver *et al.*, 1964).

GSC-331. Mayo, Yukon >46,580

Wood from beneath till, right bank of Stewart River 1.5 mi downstream from Mayo, Yukon Territory (63° 36' N Lat, 135° 56' W Long), from same locality as I (GSC)-180, (>35,000, Isotopes II). Exposure had been freshened by erosion to expose thin-bedded silt and fine-grained sand and minor gravel extending 35 to 50 ft above river level and overlain in turn by ca. 10 ft till and up to 50 ft silt and sand. Abundant pieces of wood up to 5 in. diam occur near top of lower silt unit. Coll. 1964 by E. B. Owen. *Comment* (O. L. Hughes): till overlying wood represents last glaciation in region; it is exposed intermittently downstream, and terminates ca. 7 mi downstream at a well-marked moraine. Despite age of sample, last glaciation may have culminated as recently as 10,500 yr ago. Sample dated in 5-L counter at 4 atm. Date based on one 4-day count.

GSC-365. Twin Buttes, Yukon 10,840 ± 150
8890 B.C.

Organic silt obtained from perennially frozen palsa bog using SIPRE-type ice-coring drill (Hughes and Terasmae, 1962). Sample was

at 7.3 to 7.5 ft depth, immediately above pebbly gritty silt interpreted as bog bottom. Bog is ca. 1 mi N of W butte at Twin Buttes, Talbot Plateau, Yukon Territory (63° 30' N Lat, 135° 23.5' W Long), and 2.5 mi SW of (beyond) the limit, as inferred from a well-defined moraine, of late Wisconsinan ice which occupied Stewart River Valley to the N. Coll. 1964 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment* (O.L.H.): date is minimal for deglaciation of locality. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

5190 ± 140

GSC-294. Glacier Creek, Yukon

3240 B.C.

Basal peat coll. with SIPRE-type ice-coring drill from depth of 6.1 ft in bog between North Klondike River and Dempster Hwy, 1.5 mi S of bridge over Glacier Creek, Yukon Territory (64° 08.6' N Lat, 138° 32.5' W Long). Coll. 1964 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment* (O.L.H.): ice advanced S beyond bog site almost to South Klondike River during an "intermediate" glaciation (Vernon and Hughes, in press); this event was approximately correlative with construction of moraine at Chapman Lake and hence older than 13,870 yr (GSC-296, this list). Date is minimal for deglaciation of site. Pretreatment included *cold* NaOH-leach.

4930 ± 140

GSC-366. Hart Lake, Yukon

2980 B.C.

Organic silt and twigs coll. from permanently frozen bog on NW side of moraine ridge impounding Hart Lake, Yukon Territory (64° 37' N Lat, 135° 10' W Long), using SIPRE-type ice-coring drill. Sample from 13 ft below surface in *palsa* mound; bog bottom not reached. Coll. 1964 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment* (O.L.H.): date is minimal for deglaciation of locality, which may have taken place more than 12,000 yr ago (GSC-67, GSC-67-2; GSC II). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment.

Chapman Lake series, Yukon

Peat and organic silt, coll. with SIPRE-type ice-coring drill from bog on a moraine 0.4 mi E of Chapman Lake, between the lake and Dempster Hwy, Yukon Territory (64° 51.5' N Lat, 138° 19' W Long). Moraine marks northern limit of glaciation in Blackstone River valley during an "intermediate" glacial advance (Vernon and Hughes, in press). Ice advanced to ca. 16 mi S of site during last advance recognized in the region. Coll. 1962 by O. L. Hughes.

13,870 ± 180

GSC-296. Chapman Lake, basal organic silt

11,920 B.C.

Basal organic silt in bog at 12.6 to 13.0 ft depth.

10,900 ± 150

GSC-311. Chapman Lake, organic silt

8950 B.C.

Organic silt at 8.05 to 8.45 ft depth, from base of a prominent silt layer within the bog succession.

GSC-310. Chapman Lake, peat **9620 ± 150**
7670 B.C.

Peat from 5.1 to 5.5 ft depth, above the prominent silt layer. Pollen studies by J. Terasmae indicate significant increases in spruce and alder pollen at ca. this level. Three determinations were made:

untreated fraction	9620 ± 140
soluble in NaOH	9510 ± 150
not dissolved in NaOH	9620 ± 150

General Comment (O.L.H.): GSC-296 (basal organic silt) provides minimum date for deglaciation of site and is compatible with the assumption, based on field evidence, that moraine is comparable in age to that at Gill Lake, Y.T. (GSC-128, 12,550 ± 190, GSC III). GSC-311 supports hypothesis that the prominent silt layer is loess derived from the nearby Blackstone River at beginning of last glacial advance, as it is comparable with dates of ca. 11,000 yr for Alaskan advances (Vernon and Hughes, in press); GSC-311 and GSC-310 together place this advance between 10,900 and 9600 yr ago. NaOH-leach omitted in the pretreatment of GSC-296, date for GSC-311 based on one 3-day count, and date on untreated fraction of GSC-310 based on one 4-day count.

GSC-295. Blackstone River, Yukon **6650 ± 140**
4700 B.C.

Silty peat from 11.4 ft depth in boring made with SIPRE-type ice-coring drill on SW edge of small pond, W of Blackstone River and 5.2 mi N of Chapman Lake, Yukon Territory (64° 56' N Lat, 138° 20' W Long). Pond is in subdued moraine beyond limit of and higher than moraine of "intermediate" age in vicinity of Chapman Lake. Coll. 1964 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment* (O.L.H.): moraine is older than that at Chapman Lake, hence older than 13,870 yr (GSC-296, this list). Pretreatment included cold NaOH-leach. Date based on one 2-day count.

GSC-372. Old Crow River, Yukon **6430 ± 140**
4480 B.C.

Wood at base of 6 ft surface peat layer overlying 100 ft of sediments, mainly silt and clay, from riverbank exposure, Old Crow River, Yukon Territory (68° 03.5' N Lat, 139° 50' W Long). Coll. 1962 by V. N. Ramp-ton. *Comment* (O. L. Hughes): the silt and clay, probably lacustrine in origin, are believed to have been deposited when Old Crow Basin was more or less completely occupied by one or more large lakes. Date is minimal for initiation of present environment of numerous lakes interspersed with bogs. Date based on one 5-day count.

GSC-151-2. King Point, Yukon **>51,100**

Wood and peaty fragments coll. 2 ft above base of sea cliff 3.5 mi E of E end of King Point Spit, Yukon Territory (69° 04.5' N Lat, 137° 50' W Long). Sample from organic silt grading up into stony clay with marine shells (thickness 10 to 18 ft) overlain in succession by till (20 to

30 ft), sand and silt (8 to 15 ft), and surface peat (up to 3 ft). The till, representing last glaciation of the site, apparently terminates in vicinity of a moraine ca. 4 mi W which is assumed to mark maximum (classical?) Wisconsin stand of Laurentide ice sheet. Coll. 1962 by O. L. Hughes. *Comment*: date is based on one 6-day count in 5-L counter at 4 atm and supersedes earlier date of >38,200 for same sample (GSC-151, GSC III), Pretreatment included *cold* NaOH-leach.

Southern Eskimo Lakes series, Northwest Territories

Peat from partly overgrown bluff, SW Eskimo Lakes (68° 45' N Lat, 133° 16' W Long). Coll. 1962 by O. L. Hughes.

GSC-329. S Eskimo Lakes, beneath gravel >50,900

Peat 62 ft above lake level (sealevel) and ca. 10 ft below top of organic silt overlain by 75 ft glaciofluvial gravel capped by 7 ft peat. Two determinations have been made:

5-L counter (standard procedure)	>42,620
5-L counter (one 3-day count at 4 atm)	>50,900

GSC-371. S Eskimo Lakes, above gravel 7120 ± 140

Basal peat from 7 ft-thick surface peat layer overlying gravel.

General Comment (O.L.H.): gravel is outwash from a glacial lobe in Sitidgi Lake basin which stood at a well-defined moraine along E and N sides of the lake during a late Wisconsinan stillstand or readvance. GSC-371 is minimal for this event, but probably is considerably younger than the outwash. Other 'basal peat' dates from region are GSC-16, 7400 ± 200 and GSC-25, 8200 ± 300 (GSC I; Mackay and Terasmae, 1963). When collected, GSC-329 was expected to date approximately beginning of outwash deposition, but subsequent study of nearby sections suggests that an unconformity separates organic silt from outwash gravel and that an ice advance occurred after deposition of silt and before deposition of gravel (J. G. Fyles, oral commun., 1965). Pretreatment of GSC-329 included *cold* NaOH-leach; date for GSC-371 based on one 3-day count.

GSC-397. Horton River, Northwest Territories 3050 ± 150 1100 B.C.

Peat from intercalated lacustrine and peat layers exposed in crater of a pingo 50 ft high, 11 mi E of Horton River and 65 mi S of Darnley Bay, Northwest Territories (68° 29' N Lat, 123° 16' W Long; Craig, 1960, p. 7), at alt ca. 1650 ft. Coll. 1959 by T. N. Irvine for B. G. Craig. *Comment*: NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment.

Bathurst Inlet series, Northwest Territories

Marine pelecypod shells coll. on surface of sorted polygons among raised beaches, near summit of isolated hill ca. 0.5 mi W of Bathurst In-

let, Northwest Territories (66° 42' N Lat, 107° 55' W Long), at alt ca. 465 to 475 ft. Shells dated to check on age of different species at same site. Coll. 1962 by W. Blake, Jr.

GSC-230. Bathurst Inlet, *Mytilus* **8000 ± 150**
 Shell fragments of *Mytilus edulis*. **6050 B.C.**

GSC-359. Bathurst Inlet, *Hiatella* **8060 ± 140**
 Shell fragments of *Hiatella arctica*. **6110 B.C.**

General Comment (W.B., Jr.): the two dates agree very closely, which is of interest because *Hiatella* lives over a greater depth range than *Mytilus*. Date for GSC-359 based on one 3-day count.

GSC-300. MacAlpine Moraine **2330 ± 150**
380 B.C.

Peat among boulders in pool on crest of end moraine ca. 6 mi SW of MacAlpine Lake, Northwest Territories (66° 32' N Lat, 103° 15' W Long), at alt ca. 900 ft. Peat was at lowest level that could be coll. by hand, 25 cm below water surface and 50 to 55 cm below surface of peat. Sample unfrozen but peat 5 to 10 cm above water level frozen (June 22nd). Coll. 1962 by W. Blake, Jr. *Comment* (W.B., Jr.): sample was dated in attempt to gain more information about age of this major end moraine, believed to have been forming ca. 8200 yr ago (GSC-110, 8160 ± 110, GSC-III; Blake, 1963), but a considerable time apparently elapsed before organic material started to accumulate (cf. GSC-116, 1090 ± 100, GSC III). Dates on the two fractions of peat agree within limits of error. Two fractions were dated (cf. Table 4, this list); date on soluble fraction is based on average of one 1-day count with the sample unmixed (2190 yr) and one 1-day count with the sample mixed with dead gas (2230 yr):

soluble in NaOH	2210 ± 130
not dissolved in NaOH	2330 ± 150

Thelon Shell series, Northwest Territories

Marine shells from Thelon Valley-Baker Lake area, central District of Keewatin, pertaining to deglaciation and uplift sequence in central section of Keewatin Ice Divide zone (Lee *et al.*, 1957; Fyles, 1955). In addition to the following two dates, series includes I-1224 (6015 ± 150), Beverly Lake, alt 360 ft, to appear in a future Isotopes date list.

GSC-299. Baker Lake shells **5480 ± 150**
3540 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica*) from ground surface of fine sand and gravel, alt 295 ft, ca. 130 ft below marine limit, 3 mi N of Baker Lake settlement, Northwest Territories (64° 31' N Lat, 96° 03' W Long). Coll. 1964 by J. A. Donaldson for B. G. Craig and J. G. Fyles.

GSC-439. Kazan River shells**5900 ± 130****3950 B.C.**

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica*) from sandy ground surface, alt 250 ft, ca. 200 ft below marine limit, 20 mi upstream from mouth of Kazan River, Northwest Territories (63° 46' N Lat, 95° 40' W Long). Coll. 1963 by J. A. Donaldson for B. G. Craig and J. G. Fyles. *General Comment* (B.G.C. and J.G.F.): GSC-299 and 439 are from SE part of ice-divide zone whereas I-1224 is from Thelon Valley W (inland) from ice-divide. Together, dates indicate that remnant ice along the divide broke up more than 6000 yr ago, permitting Hudson Bay water to penetrate W through the divide zone up Thelon Valley. Deglaciation of ice divide zone was estimated earlier (Craig and Fyles, 1960, 1965) as ca. 7000 yr B.P. based on I (GSC)-8, 6975 ± 250 (Isotopes I), E of ice divide ca. 100 mi S of Thelon Valley and on L-428, 5500 ± 250 (Lamont V; Craig, 1959) from Thelon Valley near W limit of marine inundation.

GSC-289. Mistake Creek, Northwest Territories**6830 ± 170****4880 B.C.**

Marine pelecypod shell from sand in bank of 8 ft deep stream valley cut in extensive area of beaches, alt 415 ft, ca. 75 ft below marine limit, 15 mi NW of mouth of Mistake Creek, Roes Welcome Sound, Northwest Territories (64° 19' N Lat, 88° 29' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 5). Coll. 1964 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): date is minimum for withdrawal of ice and entry of sea along this part of W coast of Hudson Bay. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

GSC-288. Ellice Hills, Northwest Territories**8620 ± 140****6670 B.C.**

Shells of *Mya truncata* from gravelly surface of marine silt deposit, alt 624 ft, at least 75 ft below the marine limit, 8 mi NW of Cape Weynton, W side of Committee Bay, Northwest Territories (67° 49' N Lat, 88° 25' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 1). Coll. 1964 by J. A. Donaldson for B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): date is minimum for withdrawal of ice and entry of sea into central part of Committee Bay, but shells were probably deposited when Rae Isthmus was still ice covered cf. GSC-286, 6850 ± 140 yr, this list). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-286. Anigorchli Lake, Northwest Territories**6850 ± 140****4900 B.C.**

Marine pelecypod shells for ground surface, alt 397 ft, ca. 65 ft below marine limit, 20 mi NW of Repulse Bay settlement, Rae Isthmus, Northwest Territories (66° 44' N Lat, 86° 42' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 4). Coll. 1964 by J. A. Donaldson for B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): shells are highest found in region and provide minimum date for marine connection through Rae Isthmus between Committee Bay and Repulse Bay. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-291. Parry Bay, Northwest Territories

**6880 ± 180
4930 B.C.**

Marine pelecypod shells from fine sand in 30 ft gully cut in terrace remnant, probably deltaic, alt 441 ft, ca. 40 ft below marine limit, 4 mi inland and 12 mi NW of Cape Jermain, Parry Bay, E side of Melville Peninsula, Northwest Territories (67° 52' N Lat, 82° 10' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 3). Coll. 1964 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): date is minimum for retreat of ice from this area on W side of Foxe Basin and gives close approximation to time of formation of terrace now at 441 ft. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

GSC-327. Erik Cove, Quebec

**7350 ± 150
5400 B.C.**

Shells of *Mya truncata* from raised marine deposits in Erik Cove, Wolstenholme, Quebec (62° 33' N Lat, 77° 23' W Long), at alt ca. 360 ft. Coll. 1935 by D. A. Nichols. *Comment*: age is in accordance with date of 6900 ± 130 yr (NPL-58, NPL III) on marine shells coll. by B. Matthews from 271 ft in same area.

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GSC-122. Ice Ridge Moraine C, Baffin Island

**10,940 ± 240
8990 B.C.**

Microscopic organic debris from buried ice in ice-cored moraine, western margin Barnes Ice-cap, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (70° 00' N Lat, 74° 20' W Long; cf. Østrem, 1964), at alt ca. 1600 ft. Coll. 1962 by G. Østrem. *Comment* (G.Ø.): contaminating particles, in the form of hickory chips from the picks used and plastic from the bottles in which sample was stored, were found among the organic debris; date was first thought to be based on this combination of modern hickory and infinitely old plastic. Two additional ice samples were coll. with great care in 1963, and these were processed in the field. They were believed free from contamination, but similar ages were obtained (12,540 ± 360, St-1329; 11,910 ± 140, St-1388, Stockholm VI). It would appear now that contamination was negligible in the case of GSC-122 also, and that date does reflect age of the vegetative material. However, the windblown debris originally deposited on snowbanks (which have later been covered by morainic material) probably consists of a mixture of contemporaneous vegetation (pollen, leaf fragments, etc.) and older humified material; thus age is greater than expected. Similar results have been obtained in Scandinavia (Østrem, 1965). NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-390. Magda River, Baffin Island

**6890 ± 150
4940 B.C.**

Marine pelecypod shells from surface of delta, alt 129 ft, 12 mi E of mouth of Magda River, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (71° 39' N

Lat, 84° 13' W Long). Coll. 1963 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): sample is highest collected in area, although ca. 80 to 100 ft below marine limit. Date provides minimum for withdrawal of ice and an approximate age for 130 ft delta. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

7120 ± 140

GSC-307. Ivisarak Lake, Baffin Island

5170 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica*) from surface of fine sand in probable deltaic terrace, alt 319 ft, N side, W end of Ivisarak Lake, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (70° 36' N Lat, 86° 08' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 9). Coll. 1963 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): date is minimum for withdrawal of ice from area and gives approximate age of terrace now at 320 ft. Ice retreat in immediate area related to valley ice tongue phase of deglaciation. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 4-day count.

7240 ± 150

GSC-304. Berlinguet Inlet, Baffin Island

5290 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica*) from surface of sand terrace, alt 293 ft, 10 mi SW of head of Berlinguet Inlet, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (70° 55' N Lat, 86° 27' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 7). Coll. 1963 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): sample lies close to marine limit and was dated to determine if postglacial in origin. Date gives age of highest marine features and is minimum for withdrawal of ice from this part of Bernier Bay-Berlinguet Inlet trough. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

7690 ± 140

GSC-306. Agu Bay, Baffin Island

5740 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica*) from frost boil a few ft above highest well-developed beach, alt 319 ft, central part of peninsula in Agu Bay, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (70° 20' N Lat, 86° 48' W Long; Craig, 1965, Fig. 2, loc 8). Coll. 1963 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): date gives age of highest marine features and provides minimum for withdrawal of ice from area. Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 4-day count.

9260 ± 150

GSC-392. Cape Kater, Baffin Island

7310 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella arctica* and *Mya truncata*) from frost boil in stony silt on top of knoll slightly above highest distinct beach, at 312 ft, 13 mi SE of Cape Kater, SW Brodeur Peninsula, Baffin Island, Northwest Territories (71° 46' N Lat, 89° 48' W Long). Coll. 1963 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): shells dated to confirm or deny postglacial age. Date provides minimum for withdrawal of ice and entry of sea along W coast Brodeur Peninsula (cf. GSC-241, 9280 ± 150, GSC IV). Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-450. Cunningham River, Somerset Island **8990 ± 140**
(whale bone) **7040 B.C.**

Part of bowhead whale (*Balaena mysticetus*) vertebra from eroded surface of marine silt, alt 219 ft, 7 mi inland (S) from mouth of Cunningham River, Somerset Island, Northwest Territories (73° 59' N Lat, 93° 40' W Long). Coll. 1962 by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): this sample from same locality and 15 ft higher than GSC-150 (9180 ± 170, GSC III; Craig, 1964), was dated to check accuracy of dating bone (cf. Table 3, this list). Two determinations were made, and dates on bone collagen and shells (GSC-150) agree within limits of error:

collagen fraction, one 3-day count	8990 ± 140
carbonate fraction, one 3-day count	4990 ± 130

GSC-319. Aston Bay, Somerset Island **9380 ± 180**
7430 B.C.

Fragments of marine pelecypod shells (*Mya truncata*) on ground surface of uppermost in series of beach ridges, alt 390 to 400 ft, mouth of Aston Bay, 8 mi S of Pressure Point, Somerset Island, Northwest Territories (73° 53' 30" N Lat, 95° 19' W Long). Coll. 1964 by D. I. Smith, Univ. of Bristol, Bristol, England; subm. by B. G. Craig. *Comment* (B.G.C.): site lies close to marine limit and date is probably close to time of ice withdrawal from area (cf. GSC-150, 9180 ± 170, GSC III; Craig, 1964). Sample mixed with dead gas for counting.

GSC-378. Markham Point, Bathurst Island **33,940 ± 1100**
32,830 B.C.

Marine pelecypod shells (*Hiatella* sp., *Mya* sp., and *Astarte* sp.) from ground surface less than 5 ft above highest visible raised beaches, ca. 3 mi N of Markham Point, Bathurst Island, Northwest Territories (75° 29.5' N Lat, 97° 49' W Long), at alt ca. 345 ft. Coll. 1964 by W. Blake, Jr. and J. G. Fyles. *Comment* (W.B., Jr.): date suggests that highest beach represents limit of postglacial marine action, and that higher shells probably have been emplaced by glacier ice moving across a bay and incorporating shells into till (cf. GSC-166, 25,000 ± 500; GSC-212, 35,900 ⁺¹⁴⁰⁰ ₋₁₂₀₀; GSC-223, >28,000; GSC IV). Sample mixed with dead gas for counting. Date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-401. 'Muskox River', Bathurst Island **4070 ± 140**
2120 B.C.

Organic material from 2 to 8 in.-thick layer whose top is at 6 to 12 in. depth, overlying till, and underlying alluvium (or possibly slope deposit) along S bank of unnamed stream 1.5 mi NW of its junction with 'Muskox River', Bathurst Island, Northwest Territories (75° 45' N Lat, 98° 32' W Long), at alt ca. 170 ft. Coll. 1963 by W. Blake, Jr. *Comment* (W.B., Jr.): organic material is believed to be in place, and presence of lemming droppings suggests that climate was similar to that existing today. Sometime in the last 4100 yr the organic debris has been

buried, but no evidence was seen to suggest that present-day surface vegetation is being buried in same way. NaOH-leach omitted from sample pretreatment. Date based on one 3-day count.

7820 ± 140

GSC-233. 'Dartmouth Bight', Bathurst Island **5870 B.C.**

Peat at 6.7 to 8.3 in. depth from hummock in depression near top of ridge, alt ca. 450 ft, 1.5 mi S of 'Dartmouth Bight' and 7 mi E of Brace-bridge Inlet, Bathurst Island, Northwest Territories (75° 38.5' N Lat, 99° 20' W Long). Sample just above level at which peat was frozen in July 1963. Coll. 1963 by W. Blake, Jr. *Comment* (W.B., Jr.): age of sample suggests (1) that accumulation of organic material, which began ca. 9200 yr ago (GSC-180, GSC IV; Blake, 1964) ceased shortly after 7800 yr ago, perhaps because depression became filled, or (2) that any younger material has been removed from the surface. Two fractions were dated (cf. Table 3, GSC IV), and dates on the two fractions agree within limits of error:

soluble in NaOH	7820 ± 140
not dissolved in NaOH	7680 ± 140

Dundee Bight series, Bathurst Island

Marine pelecypod shells from two localities on E side of Dundee Bight, Bathurst Island, Northwest Territories. Coll. 1963 by W. Blake Jr.

9030 ± 150

GSC-386. Dundee Bight, east **7080 B.C.**

Shell fragments, mostly of *Hiatella arctica* and some of *Mya truncata*, from frost boils on shingle beach, E side of Dundee Bight (76° 0.5' N Lat, 99° 59' W Long), at alt ca. 390 ft.

8780 ± 160

GSC-387. Dundee Bight, southeast **6830 B.C.**

Shell fragments of *Hiatella arctica* and *Mya truncata* from surface of delta ca. 3 mi E of head of Dundee Bight (75° 58' N Lat, 99° 18' W Long) at alt ca. 300 ft.

General Comment (W.B., Jr.): since both collections are close to marine limit in their respective areas, dates give approximate ages for highest beaches and minimum values for time of deglaciation. Dates are in accordance with a date of 9040 ± 170 yr (GSC-164, GSC IV; Blake, 1964) for shells at 320 ft in Stuart River valley to NE of Dundee Bight. Both samples mixed with dead gas for counting. Each date based on one 3-day count.

Tullett Point series, Prince Patrick Island

Bones and baleen of large (bowhead) whale on and in modern ice-push ridge at Tullett Point, Prince Patrick Island, Northwest Territories (76° 44' N Lat, 121° 10' W Long). Coll. 1964 by J. G. Fyles.

GSC-355. Tullett Point, baleen **1110 ± 130**
A.D. 840

Sample pretreatment includes *cold* NaOH-leach; date based on one 3-day count.

GSC-488. Tullett Point, whale ear **980 ± 140**
A.D. 970

Dense ear-bone ca. 4 in. across. Sample dated in two fractions:

collagen fraction	980 ± 140
carbonate fraction	840 ± 130

GSC-489. Tullett Point, whale limb **930 ± 130**
A.D. 1020

Porous 'long bone' from whale flipper. Sample dated in two fractions; carbonate fraction mixed with dead gas for counting:

collagen fraction	930 ± 130
carbonate fraction	480 ± 140

General Comment: samples were dated to check accuracy of dating bone (cf. Table 3, this list). Dates for collagen fraction of dense bone and porous bone agree with each other and with date for baleen, within limits of error. As expected, date from carbonate fraction of dense bone is much closer to collagen and baleen dates than is carbonate date for porous bone.

GSC-266. Ferguson Lake, Victoria Island **8640 ± 140**
6690 B.C.

Rib of large whale projecting from sand at alt 370 ft, ca. 200 ft below marine limit, 18 mi N of Ferguson Lake, Victoria Island, Northwest Territories (69° 38' N Lat, 104° 50' W Long; Fyles, 1963, Fig. 1). Coll. 1959 by J. G. Fyles. *Comment:* date for collagen fraction is reasonable relative to somewhat older dates for marine shells closer to marine limit in this region (GSC-255, 9540 ± 150; GSC-269, 9400 ± 150; both in GSC IV). Two determinations were made:

collagen fraction, one 3-day count	8640 ± 140
carbonate fraction, one 3-day count	3260 ± 130

GSC-367. Worth Point, Banks Island **>49,000**

Willow twigs from 6-ft bed of uncompressed moss peat at top of 100-ft coastal cliff at Worth Point, W coast of Banks Island, Northwest Territories (72° 15' N Lat, 125° 40' W Long). Peat is underlain in succession by till-like glacial or slope deposits and by interglacial pond silts. Because of uncompressed nature of dated peat bed it is inferred to post-date the latest glaciation of W part of Banks Island. Coll. 1959 by J. G. Fyles. *Comment:* date based on one 4-day count in 5-L counter at 4 atm, and supersedes earlier date of >38,000 for same sample (I(GSC)-26, Isotopes I).

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