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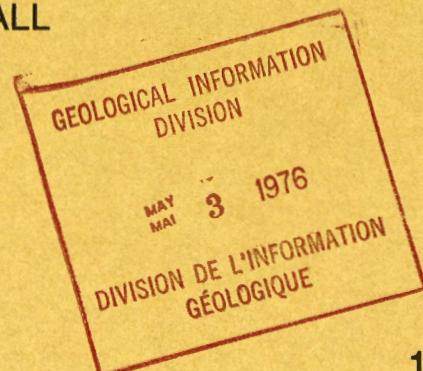
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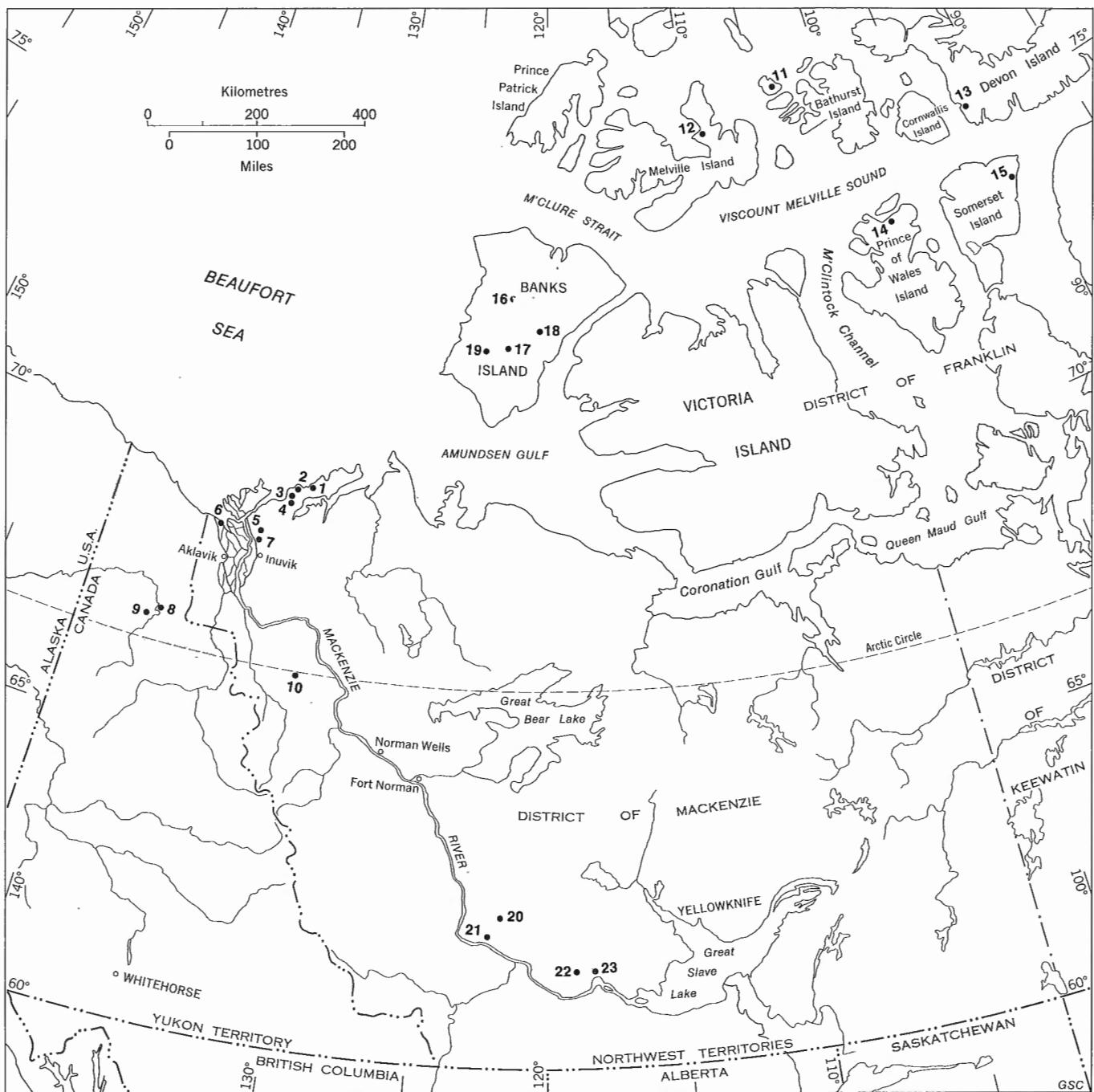


FIGURE 1. Localities of studied wells

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## Abstract

Identifications and age determinations are presented for fossils from 23 wells in the Districts of Franklin and Mackenzie and in the Yukon Territory. Ages range from Ordovician to Tertiary and are based on identifications of spores, pollen, dinoflagellates, acritarchs, conodonts, foraminifers, ostracodes, corals, brachiopods, stromatoporoids, pelecypods and dacryconairds.

## Résumé

Les auteurs donnent les identifications et les âges de fossiles provenant de 23 sondages des districts de Franklin et de Mackenzie et du territoire de Yukon. Les âges des fossiles s'étendent du Ordovicien au Tertiaire et sont déterminé par les études des spores, des grains de pollen, des dinoflagellés, des acritarches, des conodontes, des foraminifères, des ostracodes, des coraux, des brachiopodes, des stromatoporidés, des pelecypods et des dacryconarides.

## INTRODUCTION

The assimilation of information obtained from wells drilled in northern Canada is of prime importance to the continuing exploration of the petroleum resources of the region. Biostratigraphic dating of rocks penetrated by wells allows precise correlation of strata with rock units in other wells and with outcropping formations. It provides important age control for interpreting the structural configuration of the subsurface rocks and of the patterns of sedimentation during geological time.

Where possible, the fossiliferous intervals in the wells have been assigned to formations by G.R. Davies, R.W. Macqueen, W.S. MacKenzie, U. Mayr, N.C. Meijer-Drees, A.D. Miall, D.W. Myhr, K.J. Roy, C.J. Yorath and F.G. Young, all of the Geological Survey of Canada. The lithostratigraphic frameworks have not yet been established for the remaining intervals and formational assignments are not possible. The fossils are stored in the collections

of the Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary, except for some samples that are the property of Shell Canada Limited and others belonging to Imperial Oil Enterprises Limited.

The information in this paper has been used by stratigraphers of the Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology in research on the subsurface geology of northern Canada, part of which has been abstracted to appear in editions of the Schedule of Wells published by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The paper includes studies conducted by D.R. Clowser of Robertson Research (North America) Limited. Shell Canada Limited kindly provided samples prepared from sidewall cores for examination by W.W. Brideaux and Imperial Oil Enterprises similarly provided samples prepared from cuttings.

The Paper was compiled by B.S. Norford; similar reports have been published by the Geological Survey of Canada as Papers 70-15, 71-15, 72-38, 74-11 and 74-39.

## WELLS STUDIED AND SHOWN ON FIGURE 1

Locality	Well Name	Year Completed	Ages Reported	Authors
1	I.O.E. Atkinson H-25	1970	Tertiary, Cretaceous	Brideaux
2	Imperial-I.O.E. Kimik D-29	1972	Jurassic	Brideaux
3	Imperial-I.O.E. Pikiolik E-54	1972	Cretaceous	Brideaux
4	I.O.E. Tuktu O-19	1971	Cretaceous, Jurassic	Brideaux
5	Gulf-Mobil East Reindeer G-04	1971	Cretaceous	Sweet
6	Shell Kugpik O-13	1973	Cretaceous	Brideaux-Jeletzky
7	Gulf-Mobil East Reindeer A-01	1971	Cretaceous	Sweet
8	Chevron <i>et al.</i> Whitefish Y.T. I-05	1972	Cretaceous	Jeletzky-Wall
9	Chevron <i>et al.</i> E. Pine Creek Y.T. O-78	1972	Cretaceous	Wall
10	Atlantic <i>et al.</i> Ontarature K-04	1964	Cretaceous, Devonian	Brideaux
11	Panarctic <i>et al.</i> Bent Horn N-72	1974	Devonian, Silurian	Thorsteinsson-Uyeno
12	Dome <i>et al.</i> Weatherall O-10	1974	Devonian	Uyeno

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Locality	Well Name	Year Completed	Ages Reported	Authors
13	Imperial <i>et al.</i> Devon E-45	1972	Silurian	Copeland-Uyeno
14	Sun-Panarctic Russell E-82	1972	Devonian,	Copeland-Norris-
15	Panarctic-Deminex Garnier O-21	1971	Silurian	Thorsteinsson-Uyeno
16	Elf Uminmak H-07	1972	Silurian Ordovician	Uyeno-Norford
17	Columbia <i>et al.</i> Ikkariktok M-64	1974	Cretaceous, Jurassic	Clowser
18	Elfex-Texaco Tiritchik M-48	1974	Tertiary, Cretaceous	Wall
19	Deminex <i>et al.</i> Orksut I-44	1973	Cretaceous	Clowser-Uyeno-Wall
20	Horn River <i>et al.</i> Willowlake R. I-71	1971	Silurian	Norfard
21	I.O.E.-Triad Ebbutt D-50	1964	Devonian	Pedder
22	Horn River <i>et al.</i> Mink Lake I-38	1971	Devonian	Norris
23	I.O.E. Providence K-45	1968	Devonian	Norris

#### CORRELATIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS OF FOSSILS

Jurassic, Cretaceous and Tertiary Assemblages (palyynomorphs)  
by W.W. Brideaux

I.O.E. Atkinson H-25

69°44'20"N, 131°50'06"W, Figure 1, loc. 1

Depth 1200-5879 ft, core;  
?Beaufort Formation, 1000-?2500 ft;  
Upper Cretaceous, ?2500-5540 ft;  
Lower Cretaceous, 5540-5915 ft;  
GSC locs. C-13832 to C-13847

Figure 2 shows the distribution of taxa for the cored intervals. The following ages have been deduced.

1200-1225 ft; Oligocene(?)  
2210-2220 ft; Eocene  
3174-5118 ft; Late Cretaceous, Late Campanian to Maastrichtian  
5179 ft; Early Cretaceous(?)  
5790-5879 ft; indeterminate

Comments: No organic matter was recognized between 5815 and 5879 feet. Between 5805 and 5815 feet, woody fragments and vitrainite particles are common. Interval 5760-5805 feet contains little or no organic matter. Carbonized (light brown) plant fragments are present at 5719 feet and plant fragments between 5107 and 5118 feet.

The rest of the samples between 2210 feet and 4122 feet contain abundant plant fragments and amorphous organic material. The sample at 1200-1225 feet contains only a small amount of plant debris and a relatively impoverished spore and pollen assemblage. The fruiting bodies and mycelia of fungi are common in samples from the Tertiary and Upper Cretaceous (from 1200-5107 ft).

Imperial-I.O.E. Kimik D-29

69°38'05"N, 132°22'10"W, Figure 1, loc. 2  
(Note GSC Paper 74-39, p. 6, 7)

Depth 8463-8470 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-39362

derived Devonian spores  
derived Carboniferous spores  
derived Triassic pollen

bisaccate pollen

*Pareodinia borealis* Brideaux and Fisher,  
in press

*Pyxidiella pandora* Cookson and Eisenack

*Kalyptea monoceras* Cookson and Eisenack

*Cryptarchaeodinium calcaratum* Deflandre  
emend. Gitmez

*Stephanelytron redcliffense* Sarjeant  
*Gonyaulacysta cladophora* (Deflandre)  
Dodekova

*Tenua* sp. (= "Hystrichosphaeridiopsis eru-  
gata" Warren)

*Psaligomyaulax dualis* Brideaux and Fisher,  
in press

*Lanterna saturnalis* Brideaux and Fisher,  
in press

*Scriniodinium crystallinum* (Deflandre)  
Klement

*Veryhachium* sp.

*Cycadopites* sp.

*Alisporites* spp.

*Scriniodinium* sp.

age: Late Jurassic, Late Oxfordian-  
Early Kimmeridgian (*Buchia con-  
centrica* sensu lato zone of  
Jeletzky)

Imperial-I.O.E. Pikiolik E-54

69°23'15"N, 132°44'35"W, Figure 1, loc. 3  
(Note GSC Paper 74-39, p. 12-14)

Depth 8498-8503 ft, core;  
basal 2 ft of shale-siltstone  
unit, top 3 ft of buff member,  
Husky Formation; GSC loc. C-30359

*Heliodinium* sp.

*Cribroperidinium muderongensis* (Cookson  
and Eisenack) Davey

*Scriniodinium* sp.

*Podocarpidites* sp.

*Cicatricosisporites* spp.

*C. australiensis* (Cookson) Potonié

*Lycopodiumsporites* spp.

bisaccate pollen

*Oligosphaeridium complex* (White) Davey and  
Williams

*Cleistosphaeridium polypes* subsp. *clavulum*  
Davey

*Pareodinia* sp.

derived Paleozoic spores

derived Permo-Triassic bisaccate pollen

LEGEND						
TAXON	SAMPLE INTERVAL (Feet)	GSC LOCALITY NUMBER	BIOSTRATIGRAPHY			
X Present						
S Single specimen						
R 2-3						
F 3-10						
O 10-25						
D Dominant						
DR Derived						
barren of spores and pollen	1200-1225	C-13832	EOCENE-? OLIGOCENE			
barren of dinoflagellates	2210-2220	C-13834				
<i>Oligosphaeridium</i> spp.						
<i>Taxodioaceapollenites</i> spp.	F 0 0 0	F	S			
various trilete spores	F 0 0 0	0 0	O F			
<i>Deflandrea perlucida</i> Alberti				DR X		
fungal elements	X X X X X X					
bisaccate pollen, Cretaceous		X X X X				
<i>Deflandrea decorosa</i> of McIntyre, 1974		S	X			
<i>Deflandrea</i> sp. 6 of McIntyre, 1974			X			
<i>Sequoia pollenites</i> spp.	R F		F			
<i>Diconodinium firmum</i> Harland		R	O			
<i>Triporopollenites</i> sp. AA		F F F				
<i>Betulaceoipollenites</i> sp. AA		S F F	F			
<i>Divisisporites</i> sp.				S		
<i>Stereisporites antiquasporites</i> (Wilson and Webster) Dettmann				S		
<i>Laevigatosporites ovatus</i> Wilson and Webster				F		
Lower Cretaceous dinoflagellates	DR DR DR	DR	DR			
<i>Rugubivesiculites</i> spp.		S	S			
<i>Engelhardtioipollenites</i> spp.		S	S			
<i>Alripollenites verus</i> Potonié ex Potonié	S F	S	R			
<i>Radialisporites radialis</i> (Kurtzschl.) Kurtzschl.			R			
<i>Kurtzipites</i> sp. of McIntyre		0 0	F			
<i>Stereisporites regium</i> (Drozhastich) Dettmann			R			
<i>Paraalnippollenites confusus</i> (Zaklinskaya) Hills and Wallace	F F	F				
<i>Aquilaipollenites formosus</i> Srivastava and Rouse		S				
Paleozoic spores		DR DR				
Permo-Triassic bisaccate pollen	DR DR DR					
<i>Myricipites</i> sp. of McIntyre		F O				
<i>Ulmoidipites</i> sp.		S S				
<i>Cleistosphaeridium polypes</i> subsp. <i>clavulum</i> Davey		S				
<i>Cleistosphaeridium?</i> <i>aciculare</i> Davey		S				
<i>Triproctetus magnus</i> (Mchedlishvili) Stanley		S				
<i>Spongodontium delitense</i> (Ehrenberg) Deflandre		R				
<i>Aquilaipollenites trialatus</i> Rouse		S				
<i>Integricorpus venustus</i> (Srivastava) Stanley		S				
<i>Tricolporopollenites</i> sp. 5 of McIntyre, 1974		R				
<i>Wetzelia</i> sp.		F				
bisaccate pollen, mainly pinaceous	O D					
<i>Bacutricolporites</i> sp.		S				
<i>Tetracolporites</i> sp.		S				
<i>Aquilaipollenites</i> spp.		DR				
<i>Malvacearumpollenites?</i> sp.		S				
<i>Tiliaepollenites</i> spp.		F				
<i>Retitricolporites</i> sp.		S				
<i>Periporopollenites</i> sp.		R				
<i>Tricolporopollenites</i> spp.		F				
<i>Pterocaryapollenites</i> spp.		F				
Ericaceae tetrads		F				
<i>Caryapollenites simplex</i> Potonié		F				
<i>Carpinipites</i> sp.		R				
<i>Corylus tripollenites</i> Martin and Rouse		R				
<i>Betulaepollenites</i> sp.		R				
<i>Pistillipollenites mgregori</i> Rouse		S				
<i>Faguspollenites verus</i> (Raatz) Potonié		S				
<i>Myrica annulites</i> Martin and Rouse		R				
<i>Ulmipollenites</i> sp.	F S					
<i>Tilia crassipites</i> Wodehouse		R				
<i>Betulaceoipollenites</i> sp.	S S					

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FIGURE 2. Occurrences of taxa in core from the I.O.E. Atkinson H-25 well

*Gleicheniidites senonicus* Ross sensu Skarby  
*Osmundacidites wellmanii* Couper  
*Oligosphaeridium irregularare?* (Pocock) Davey  
and Williams  
age: Early Cretaceous, Hauterivian-  
Aptian, possibly no younger than  
Barremian

I.O.E. Tuktu 0-19  
69°18'55"N, 132°48'17"W, Figure 1, loc. 4  
(Note GSC Paper 74-11, p. 16, 17)

Depth 6810-7050(?) ft, cuttings;  
basal 30 ft of Arenaceous unit,  
Husky Formation, 6840-7216 ft;  
Imperial Oil Enterprises prepar-  
ations

Tertiary triporate pollen\*  
Lower Cretaceous dinoflagellates  
Lower Cretaceous spores  
Cretaceous dinoflagellates and spores  
Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellates\*  
Albian-Cenomanian tricolpate pollen\*  
Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous spores and pollen  
Upper Jurassic (Kimmeridgian)-Lower Creta-  
ceous dinoflagellates  
age: Early Cretaceous, probably not  
older than Hauterivian, not younger  
than Albian

Depth 7050-7110(?) ft, cuttings;  
Imperial Oil Enterprises prepar-  
ations

Lower Cretaceous dinoflagellates and spores\*  
Upper Cretaceous dinoflagellates\*  
Cretaceous dinoflagellates and spores\*  
Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous spores and pollen  
*Scriniodinium crystallinum* (Deflandre)  
Klement  
*Valensiella?* sp.  
*Canningia "adnata"* of Warren, unpubl.  
*Gonyaulacysta cf. G. scarburghensis* Sarjeant  
age: Late Jurassic, no older than Middle  
Kimmeridgian (Early Tithonian)

Comments: Asterisks denote caved assemblages. The samples are derived from cuttings and can be expected to contain heterogeneous assemblages. Only the higher footage is given on the slide and the lower limit of the sample interval is assumed to be that of the footage given on the next lower slide. Palynology indicates that the top of the Jurassic succession is at 7050 feet.

Atlantic et al. Ontaratuue K-04  
66°33'37.5"N, 130°46'10.3"W, Figure 1, loc. 10

Depth 90 ft, cuttings;  
GSC loc. C-26532

dinoflagellate cysts  
*Gonyaulacysta* sp.  
bisaccate pollen  
age: Early Cretaceous

Depth 800 ft, cuttings;  
Imperial Formation, 48 ft  
above base; GSC loc. C-26533

unidentified spores  
age: Devonian

Cretaceous Assemblages  
(palynomorphs and pelecypods)  
by W.W. Brideaux and J.A. Jeletzky

Shell Kugpik 0-13  
68°52'50"N, 135°18'15"W, Figure 1, loc. 6  
(All palynological preparations made by  
Shell Canada Limited and presented to GSC)

Depth 6388 ft, sidewall core;  
Tent Island Formation, 32 ft  
above base; GSC loc. C-28209

abundant organic debris  
*Deflandrea* sp.  
unidentifiable bisaccate pollen  
*Spinidinium* sp.  
age: Late Cretaceous

Depth 6450 ft, sidewall core;  
Boundary Creek Formation,  
30 ft below top, GSC loc. C-28207

abundant organic debris  
*Inaperturopollenites* spp.  
*Deflandrea* spp.  
*Deflandrea cf. D. cooksonii* Alberti  
age: Late Cretaceous, Senonian, possibly  
Santonian to Campanian

Depth 6638 ft, sidewall core;  
Boundary Creek Formation, 218  
ft below top; GSC loc. C-28199

abundant organic debris  
*Deflandrea acuminata* Cookson and Eisenack  
age: Late Cretaceous, Cenomanian to  
Turonian

Depths 6820 and 6840 ft, sidewall  
cores; Boundary Creek Formation,  
400-420 ft below top, ?195-?215  
ft above base; GSC locs. C-28196  
and C-28198

abundant organic debris  
*Spinidinium vestitum* Brideaux  
*Astrocytula cretacea* Pocock ex Davey  
*Cedripites* sp.  
Carboniferous spores  
various bisaccate pollen  
*"Scriniodinium"* sp. (n. sp.)  
*"S." euryplrum* Manum and Cookson  
*Gonyaulacysta orthoceras* (Cookson and  
Eisenack) Sarjeant  
*Odontochitina operculata* (O. Wetzel)  
Deflandre  
*Pseudoceratium cf. P. expolitum* Brideaux  
*Cyclonephilum vannophorum* Davey  
*Coronifera oceanica* Cookson and Eisenack  
age: Cretaceous, Late Albian or  
Cenomanian

Depth 6860 ft, sidewall core; Boundary Creek Formation, 440 ft below top, ?175 ft above base; GSC loc. C-28194	Depth 7610 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28175
abundant organic debris <i>Gonyaulacysta orthoceras</i> (Cookson and Eisenack) Sarjeant <i>Cyclonephelium</i> sp. <i>Pterospermopsis</i> sp. age: Early Cretaceous	abundant plant debris spores and bisaccate pollen <i>Sestrosporites pseudoalveolatus</i> (Couper) Dettmann <i>Polycingulatisporites redundus</i> (Bolkovitina) Playford and Dettmann age: probably Early Cretaceous
Depth 7070 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28191	Depth 7669 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28172
abundant plant debris <i>Gleicheniidites senonicus</i> Ross <i>Stereisporites antiquasporites</i> (Wilson and Webster) Dettmann <i>Alisporites bilateralis</i> Rouse <i>Vitreisporites pallidus</i> (Riessinger) Nilsson <i>Odontochitina operculata</i> (O. Wetzel) Deflandre unidentifiable dinoflagellate cysts <i>Oligosphaeridium complex</i> (White) Davey and Williams <i>Gonyaulacysta orthoceras</i> (Cookson and Eisenack) Sarjeant <i>Spiniiferites ramosus</i> (Ehrenberg) Mantell <i>Pterodinium aliferum</i> Eisenack <i>Trichodinium</i> sp. <i>Fromea amphora</i> Cookson and Eisenack <i>Kalyptea?</i> sp. age: Early Cretaceous, probably Albian	plant debris bisaccate pollen and rare spores <i>Cyclonephelium</i> cf. <i>C. compactum</i> Deflandre and Cookson <i>Cleistosphaeridium</i> sp. age: indeterminate
Depth 7137 ft; sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28189	Depth 7876 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28164
abundant plant debris unidentifiable spores and bisaccate pollen <i>Neoraistrickia</i> sp. Carboniferous spores <i>Gleicheniidites senonicus</i> Ross age: Early Cretaceous	abundant plant debris (golden brown) bisaccate pollen <i>Oligosphaeridium</i> cf. <i>O. complex</i> (White) Davey and Williams <i>Imbatodinium villosum</i> Vozzhennikova <i>Tenua</i> sp. unidentifiable dinoflagellates <i>Oligosphaeridium</i> spp. (common) <i>O. cf. O. irregularare</i> (Pocock) Davey and Williams <i>Systematophora</i> sp. age: Early Cretaceous, Valanginian to Hauterivian environment: marine
Depth 7170 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28188	Depth 8025 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28160
abundant plant debris bisaccate pollen Carboniferous spores <i>Cicatricosisporites</i> sp. age: Early Cretaceous	carbonized plant debris (abundant) <i>Cicatricosisporites</i> sp. <i>C. hughesi</i> Dettmann <i>Oligosphaeridium</i> sp. <i>O. complex</i> (White) Davey and Williams bisaccate pollen age: Early Cretaceous (Valanginian or younger, to Albian)
Depth 7440 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28182	Depth 8160 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28156
<i>Concavissimisporites variverrucosus</i> (Couper) Pocock <i>Chomotriletes almegrenensis</i> Pocock age: Early Cretaceous, Albian(?)	abundant plant debris (light brown) <i>Taurocusporites</i> sp. <i>Stereisporites</i> sp. bisaccate pollen unidentifiable dinoflagellate cysts <i>Lycopodiumsporites</i> sp. age: probably Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous
Depth 7575 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28177	Depth 8263 ft, sidewall core; GSC loc. C-28153
abundant plant debris <i>Osmundacidites wellmanni</i> Couper Carboniferous spores various trilete spores age: indeterminate	carbonized debris <i>Scriniodinium?</i> sp. (very poorly preserved) age: indeterminate

Depth 8268 ft, sidewall core;  
GSC loc. C-28152

*Sestrosporites pseudoalveolatus* (Couper)  
Dettmann  
unidentifiable spores and bisaccate pollen  
age: Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous

Depth 8320 ft, sidewall core;  
Husky Formation, 25 ft below  
top; GSC loc. C-28151

plant debris (medium brown) abundant  
unidentifiable spores and bisaccate pollen  
*Systematophora?* sp.  
*Cicatricosporites* sp.  
*Alisporites bilateralis* Rouse  
age: Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous

Depth 8356, sidewall core;  
Husky Formation, 61 ft below  
top; GSC loc. C-28149

carbonized debris (dark brown)  
unidentifiable bisaccate pollen  
age: Mesozoic(?)

Depth 9688 and 9792 ft, sidewall  
cores; Husky Formation, 903 and 1007  
ft below top of Arenaceous unit;  
GSC locs. C-28143, C-28145

abundant carbonized debris  
age: indeterminate

Depth 9688, 9692, 9695, 9698 ft,  
core; Husky Formation, 903, 907,  
910, 913 ft below top of Arena-  
ceous unit; GSC loc. 92026-92028,  
C-39599

*Buchia (Anaucella) concentrica* (Sowerby)  
sensu lato  
age: Late Oxfordian or Early Kimmerid-  
gian, *Buchia (A.) concentrica* Zone

Depth 10 600 ft, sidewall core;  
Bug Creek Formation equivalent,  
455 ft below top, 30 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-28127

carbonized fragments (black)  
age: indeterminate

Comments (J.A.J.): In the Husky Formation of the northeastern Richardson Mountains, *Buchia (Anaucella) concentrica* sensu lato appears to be restricted to the basal 100 to 200 feet of the lower member and GSC locality C-39599 (9698 ft) is correlated with these basal beds. Better preserved material is needed to determine the position of the beds (9688-9698) within the generalized zone of *Buchia (Anaucella) concentrica* (see Jeletzky, 1967, p. 36 for discussion of the zone) but the species at 9692 and 9695 feet appear to be early forms of the species.

Cretaceous and Tertiary Assemblages  
(foraminifers and associated microfaunas)  
by J.H. Wall

*Columbia et al.* Ikkariktok M-64  
72°23'47"N, 121°50'59"W, Figure 1, loc. 17

Depth 1400-1500 ft, cuttings;  
Eureka Sound Formation, 370-470  
ft above base; shale member, 85-  
185 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
1400-1500

*Florilus* sp. (rare)  
algal cysts  
age: probably Early Tertiary

Depth 1500-1600 ft, cuttings;  
Eureka Sound Formation, 270-370  
ft above base; shale member, 185-  
285 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
1500-1600

*Haplophragmoides* sp. (rare)

Depth 1600-1700 ft, cuttings;  
Eureka Sound Formation, 170-270  
ft above base; shale member, 285-  
385 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
1600-1700

*Haplophragmoides* spp. (two incomplete or  
distorted specimens representing two  
species)

*Verneuilinoides?* sp. (rare)

Depth 1700-1800 ft, cuttings;  
Eureka Sound Formation, 70-170  
ft above base; shale member, 385-  
485 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
1700-1800

*Haplophragmoides* spp. (four incomplete to  
complete specimens representing one  
large species and one specimen of a  
small species)

*Florilus* sp. (rare)  
bone(?) fragment  
age: probably Early Tertiary  
environment: marine, probably shallow

Depth 1900-2000 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 30-130 ft  
below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
1900-2000

*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
age: indeterminate  
environment: marine, shallow, perhaps  
restricted

Depth 2000-2100 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 130-230 ft  
below top; GSC loc. C-33726/  
2000-2100

*Saccammina* sp.  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (fragments of a very large  
form)

- Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*Verneuilinoides?* sp. (fragment of a large form)  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, shallow
- Depth 2100-2200 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 230-330 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/2100-2200
- Bathysiphon* sp.  
*Saccammina* sp.  
*Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss) (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. bonanzaense* Stelck and Wall (rare)  
*H. aff. H. gigas* Cushman  
*H. cf. H. kirki* Stelck and Wall (rare)  
*Gavelinella?* sp., poorly preserved  
 siliceous sponge spicules  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, neritic
- Depth 2200-2300 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 330-430 ft below top; GSC loc. C-33726/2200-2300
- Ammodiscus* sp. (fragment of a large form)  
*A. cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Reophax* or *Ammobaculites* sp. (two chambers only)  
*Haplophragmoides* cf. *H. rota* Nauss  
*Trochammina albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
*V.?* sp. (partial specimen of a large form)  
*Anomalinoides* sp.  
*Gavelinella?* sp. (rare)  
 diatom (morphotype A-2 of Wall, 1975; rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, Campanian  
 environment: marine, neritic
- Depth 2300-2400 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 430-530 ft below top; 384-484 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33726/2300-2400
- Bathysiphon* sp.  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (fragments of a very large form)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. aff. H. gigas* Cushman  
*H. hendersonense* Stelck and Wall  
*Trochammina albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides* sp. (fragment of a large white form)  
*V. bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
*V.?* sp.  
*Dentalina* sp. (rare)  
*Eoepindella* sp. (large form) (rare)  
*Gavelinella* sp. - probably same as  
*Gavelinella?* sp. above  
 age: Late Cretaceous, Campanian  
 environment: marine, neritic, perhaps outer
- Depth 2400-2500 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 530-630 ft below top; 284-384 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33726/2400-2500
- Bathysiphon* sp.  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (rare; large form)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. aff. H. gigas* Cushman  
*Ammobaculites* sp. (rare)  
*Verneuilinoides* sp.  
 siliceous sponge spicules  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, neritic, probably inner
- Depth 2500-2600 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 630-730 ft below top; 184-284 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33726/2500-2600
- Bathysiphon* sp. (rare)  
*Hippocrepina* sp. (rare)  
*Reophax* sp. (slender, large form with elongate chambers)  
*R.?* sp. (isolated, compressed chambers with extended aperture)  
*Haplophragmoides hendersonense* Stelck and Wall  
*H. cf. H. howardense* Stelck and Wall  
*Trochammina albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
*Quinqueloculina* cf. *Q. sphaera* Nauss (rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, Campanian  
 environment: marine, neritic, probably inner
- Depth 2600-2700 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 84-184 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33726/2600-2700
- Reophax?* sp. (as in above assemblage)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. bonanzaense* Stelck and Wall (rare)  
*Trochammina albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
 diatom (morphotype A of Given and Wall, 1971; rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, Campanian  
 environment: marine, neritic, probably inner
- Depth 2700-2800 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 0-84 ft above base, and top 16 ft of Paleozoic rocks; GSC loc. C-33726/2700-2800
- Saccammina* sp.  
*Reophax?* sp. (as in above assemblages)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. aff. H. gigas* Cushman (rare)  
*H. cf. H. hendersonense* Stelck and Wall (rare)  
*H. cf. H. howardense* Stelck and Wall (rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, neritic, probably inner
- Depth 2800-2900 ft, cuttings;  
 Paleozoic rocks, 16-166 ft below base of Kanguk Formation; GSC loc. C-33726/2800-2900
- Bathysiphon* sp. (rare)  
*Reophax?* sp. (as above)

*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H.* aff. *H. gigas* Cushman (rare)  
*Trochammina albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, Campanian  
 environment: marine, neritic, probably inner

Comments: The interval between 1000 and 1400 feet appears to be nonmarine; a megaspore and questionable miospores were recovered, but no foraminifers or other marine organisms.

The sporadic occurrence of foraminifers indicates that the interval 1400 to 1800 feet is at least in part marine. The age of this unit (the Lower Shale Member of the Eureka Sound Formation) is considered to be questionable Early Tertiary because the recorded range of the foraminiferal genus *Florilus* does not include strata older than Paleocene. However, as *Florilus* is closely related to *Nonion*, which is questionably reported from the Upper Cretaceous, it is quite possible that the strata in this well containing *Florilus* may be of Late Cretaceous age.

The interval 1900 to 2784 feet is thought to be of Late Cretaceous age, with the entire Mesozoic section below 2300 feet being Campanian. The Campanian assignment is based largely on the abundant occurrence of *Trochammina albertensis* and *Verneuilinoides bearpawensis*, which are common in the upper Campanian Bearpaw Formation of southern Alberta. The sporadic presence of *Haplophragmoides bonanzaense* and *H. hendersonense* could be interpreted as indicating a Turonian age, based on their occurrence in the central part of the Kaskapau Formation in northern Alberta, but it seems more likely that those forms range somewhat higher in the Arctic Islands.

Deminex et al. Orksut I-44  
 72°23'45"N, 122°42'09"W, Figure 1, loc. 19  
 (Note GSC Paper 74-39, p. 8-10)

Depth 2200-2300 ft, cuttings;  
 Eureka Sound Formation, 710-810  
 ft above base; cyclic member, 110-  
 210 ft above base; GSC loc. C-30109/  
 2200-2300

*Haplophragmoides?* sp. (rare)  
 age: probably Late Cretaceous

Depth 3000-3100 ft, cuttings;  
 Eureka Sound Formation, basal  
 10 ft; Kanguk Formation, top  
 90 ft; GSC loc. C-30109/3000-3100

*Haplophragmoides* cf. *H. rota* Nauss  
*Verneuilinoides* large species (rare)  
*Quinqueloculina* cf. *Q. sphaera* Nauss  
*Globulina* sp. (rare)  
*Serovaina* sp. (small, poorly preserved)  
 (rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
 environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3100-3200 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 90-190 ft below  
 top; GSC loc. C-30109/3100-3200

*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* cf. *H. rota* Nauss  
*Trochammina* cf. *T. webbi* Stelck and Wall  
 (rare)  
*Paracypris?* sp. (rare)  
 diatom (morphotype A of Given and Wall,  
 1971; rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3300-3400 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 290-390 ft below  
 top; GSC loc. C-30109/3300-3400

*Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss) (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp. (large forms)  
*H.* cf. *H. rota* Nauss  
*Praebulimina venusae* (Nauss) (rare)  
*Quadrimerophrina?* sp. (rare)  
 age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
 environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3400-3500 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 390-490 ft below  
 top; GSC loc. C-30109/3400-3500

*Bathysiphon* sp. (very large)  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (rare)  
*A. cretaceus* (Reuss) (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp. (common)  
*Trochammina* sp.  
 age: questionable, probably Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3500-3600 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 490-590 ft below  
 top; GSC loc. C-30109/3500-3600

*Bathysiphon* spp.  
*Ammodiscus* cf. *A. cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*Verneuilinoides* cf. *V. bearpawensis*  
 (Wickenden)  
*V. ex gr. V. fischeri* Tappan  
*Quinqueloculina* sp. (rare)  
 diatom (morphotype B of Given and Wall,  
 1971; rare)  
 siliceous sponge spicules  
 age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
 environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3600-3700 ft, cuttings;  
 Kanguk Formation, 590-690 ft below  
 top; GSC loc. C-30109/3600-3700

*Bathysiphon* spp.  
*Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Cyclammina?* sp. (large specimens)  
 siliceous sponge spicules  
 age: Late Cretaceous  
 environment: marine

Depth 3700-3800 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 690-790 ft below  
top; GSC loc. C-30109/3700-3800

*Bathysiphon* spp.  
*Ammodiscus* cf. *A. cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*Verneuilinoides* cf. *V. bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
diatom (morphotype A of Given and Wall, 1971)  
siliceous sponge spicules  
age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3800-3900 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 790-890 ft below  
top; GSC loc. C-30109/3800-3900

*Bathysiphon* spp.  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp. (common)  
*Ammobaculites* sp. (rare)  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
(common)  
*V. cf. V. fischeri* Tappan (rare)  
age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
environment: marine, shallow

Depth 3902-3912 ft, core; Kanguk  
Formation, 892-902 ft below top;  
318-328 ft above base; GSC loc.  
C-30109/3902-3912

*Pseudobolivina* sp. (poorly preserved)  
siliceous sponge spicules  
tooth, probably fish  
age: indeterminate  
environment: marine

Depth 3900-4000 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 890-990 ft below  
top; 230-330 ft above base; GSC  
loc. C-30109/3900-4000

*Bathysiphon* spp. (rare)  
*Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss) (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*Verneuilinoides* sp. (rare)  
siliceous sponge spicules  
age: questionable, probably Late Cretaceous  
(the sparse assemblage may  
be largely caved)  
environment: marine

Depth 4000-4200 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 990-1190 ft below  
top; 30-230 ft above base; GSC loc.  
C-30109/4000-4200

*Bathysiphon* spp.  
*Saccammina* sp.  
*Ammodiscus* cf. *A. cretaceus* (Reuss) (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Trochammina* sp.  
*Verneuilinoides* sp.  
*V. cf. V. bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
diatom (morphotype A of Given and Wall, 1971)  
diatom (morphotype B of Given and Wall, 1971)  
age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
environment: marine, shallow

Depth 4200-4300 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, basal 30 ft;  
Christopher(?) Formation, top  
70 ft; GSC loc. C-30109/4200-4300

*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*Anomalinooides pinguis* (Jennings) (rare)  
manganese spherulitic carbonate of Miall,  
1974b  
age: Late Cretaceous, probably Campanian  
if *A. pinguis* is in place

Depth 4274-4284 ft, core;  
Christopher(?) Formation, 44-54 ft  
below top, 86-96 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-30109/4274-4284

radiolarian faunule:  
nassellarian segments  
discoidal spheroidal indeterminate  
form  
discoidal form with pore (questionable  
radiolarian)  
siliceous sponge spicules  
age: Late Cretaceous, possibly Campanian  
(similar forms present in dated  
outcrops)  
environment: marine, moderate depth

Depth 4284-4294 ft, core;  
Christopher(?) Formation, 54-64  
ft below top, 76-86 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-30109/4284-4294

*Haplophragmoides* sp. (poorly preserved)  
siliceous sponge spicules (some tetraxons)  
age: Cretaceous  
environment: marine

Depth 4300-4400 ft, cuttings;  
Christopher(?) Formation, basal  
70 ft; Isachsen Formation, top  
30 ft; GSC loc. C-30109/4300-4400

*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
(rare)  
age: Cretaceous (assemblage probably  
consists mostly of cavings)  
environment: marine

Depth 4400-4500 ft, cuttings;  
Isachsen Formation, 30-130 ft below  
top; GSC loc. C-30109/4400-4500

*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Verneuilinoides?* sp. (rare)  
age: probably Cretaceous  
environment: marine

Depth 4600-4700 ft, cuttings;  
Isachsen Formation, basal 83 ft;  
Mould Bay Formation, top 17 ft;  
GSC loc. C-30109/4400-4500

*Ammodiscus* cf. *A. southeyensis* (Wall)  
*Haplophragmoides* cf. *H. barrowensis* Tappan  
(rare)

*Haplophragmoides* cf. *H. canui* Cushman  
*Trochammina* sp.

ostracode indeterminate

age: Cretaceous, probably Early [assemblage shows some similarity to that from 4700-4800 ft in the same well, dated as Early Neocomian by Chamney (in Brideaux et al., 1975)]

Comments: The microfauna between 3000 and 4300 feet does not appear to contain any forms that could be dated as older than Late Cretaceous and probably is Campanian in age. No distinctive Albian species can be identified in these samples and there is some question as to whether the Christopher Formation is present.

The interval between 4300 and 4600 feet cannot be dated. The sparse microfauna seems to consist primarily of caved forms from the Kanguk Formation. Between 4600 and 4700 feet, the microfauna takes on the appearance of that below 4700 feet, which has been dated Early Neocomian by Chamney (in Brideaux et al., 1975).

The manganese spherulitic carbonate bed of Miall (1974b), which forms a marker zone between the Kanguk and Christopher Formations, was observed in microfaunal residues from between 4200 and 4300 feet.

Chevron et al. E. Pine Creek Y.T. O-78  
66°57'53"N, 137°58'58"W, Figure 1, loc. 9

Depth 2415-2470 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-38248/2415-2470

*Ammodiscus* sp. (rare)

*Haplophragmoides* sp.

*Verneuilinoides borealis* Tappan? (small specimen)

*Gaudryina tailleurii* (Tappan)?

*Lenticulina* spp. - small forms

radiolaria (pyritized):

*Stictocapsa* sp.

*Lithostrobus* (*Lithostrobus*)? sp.

*Dictyomitria* (*Dictyomitrella*) sp.

age: Early to Middle Albian (the assemblage resembles one in the Loon River Fm. of northern Alberta)

Depth 2535-2550 ft, core;  
2-17 ft above base of Cretaceous;  
GSC loc. C-38248/2535-2550

*Ammodiscus* sp.

*Haplophragmoides* sp.

*Trochammina* sp.

*Gaudryina tailleurii* (Tappan)

*Gaudryina?* sp.

*Lenticulina* sp. (weathered; rare)

*Saracenaria* sp. (weathered; rare)

age: Early Albian or older (Paleozoic beds are directly below; residue is sandy and glauconitic)

Cretaceous Assemblages (megaspores)  
by A.R. Sweet

Gulf-Mobil East Reindeer G-04

68°53'15.98"N, 133°46'28"W, Figure 1, loc. 5  
(Note GSC Paper 74-11, p. 6, 7)

Depth 9580-9611 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-24405

*Minerisporites macroreticulatus* Singh  
common reworked Devonian (Frasnian) and Carboniferous megaspores  
abundant algal cysts (*Leiosphaeridia* sp.)  
age: Early Cretaceous, Albian?

Depth 9615-9647 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-24406

*Minerisporites macroreticulatus* Singh  
*M. marginatus* (Dijkstra) Potonié  
*Erlansonisporites globosus* Singh  
*Thomsonia* sp.  
*T. fairlightensis* Batten  
common reworked Upper Devonian megaspores  
and rare Carboniferous megaspores  
abundant algal cysts (*Leiosphaeridia* sp.)  
age: Early Cretaceous, probably Albian

Comments: *Minerisporites macroreticulatus* and *Erlansonisporites globosus* have been reported only from the Mannville Group (Singh, 1964). *Thomsonia fairlightensis* and *Minerisporites marginatus* range throughout the Lower Cretaceous. The relatively large number of megaspores recovered from the interval between 9615 and 9647 feet indicates a non-marine paleoenvironment for this interval.

Gulf-Mobil East Reindeer A-01

68°40'13"N, 134°00'30"W, Figure 1, loc. 7  
(Note GSC Paper 74-11, p. 7)

Depth 7544-7579 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-22384

*Minerisporites macroreticulatus* Singh  
*Erlansonisporites reticulatus* Singh  
*Arcellites* cf. *A. incipiens* Singh  
abundant reworked Carboniferous and Upper Devonian megaspores  
age: Early Cretaceous, Albian?

Cretaceous Assemblages  
(pelecypods; foraminifers)  
by J.A. Jeletzky and J.H. Wall

Chevron et al. Whitefish Y.T. I-05

67°04'37"N, 137°15'25"W, Figure 1, loc. 8

Depth 3986-4036 ft, core;  
GSC loc. C-38249/3986-4036

*Reophax* sp. (rare)  
*Miliammina?* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Ammobaculites* sp. (rare)  
*Gaudryina* sp. (rare)  
*Lenticulina* sp.

*Nodosaria* sp. (rare)  
*Anomalina?* sp.  
indeterminate rotaliid foraminifer  
age: uncertain, probably no younger than  
Albian

Depth 4456-4476 ft, core; 309-329  
ft above base of Cretaceous;  
GSC loc. C-38249/4456-4476

*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Ammobaculites* sp. (rare)  
*Gaudryina tailleurii* (Tappan)?  
age: indeterminate from microfauna

Depth 4458 ft, core; 327 ft  
above base of Cretaceous;  
GSC locs. C-38249/4458 and  
C-38252

*Aucellina caucasica* (Abich) sensu lato  
?indeterminate pelecypod  
age: Early Cretaceous, late Barremian  
to Aptian

Comments (J.A.J.): The collection at 4458 feet is from some part of *Aucellina aptiensis-Aucellina caucasica* Zone of Arctic Canada (see Jeletzky, 1959, p. 16, 17; 1964, p. 64, Pl. XVIII, figs. 5A, B, Table 1). *Aucellina caucasica* sensu lato ranges from the upper part of the Upper member of the Upper shale-siltstone division to the top of the Upper sandstone division. This index fossil is equally common in the predominantly argillaceous "western facies" of these units throughout the northern Yukon (see Jeletzky, 1974, p. 17 and unpublished data). It is impossible to say whether the specimens are from beds equivalent to the upper part of the Upper member of the Upper shale-siltstone division (upper Barremian) or from those equivalent to the Upper sandstone division (Aptian).

Jurassic and possibly Cretaceous Assemblages  
(foraminifers)  
by D.R. Clowser [Robertson Research  
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Elf Uminmak H-07  
73°36'29"N, 123°00'30"W, Figure 1, loc. 16  
(Note GSC Paper 74-39, p. 17)

Depth 2640-2650 ft, cuttings;  
Christopher Formation, 284-294 ft  
below top, 208-218 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-39381/2640-2650

*Haplophragmoides canui* Cushman  
*H. kingakensis* Tappan - *H. barrowensis*  
Tappan complex  
*Reophax suevica* Tappan - *R. densa* Tappan  
complex  
*Glomospirella* sp. 6  
age: probably latest Jurassic, possibly  
Early Cretaceous (Barremian or  
older)

Depth 2820-2870 ft, cuttings;  
Christopher Formation, 38 ft above  
base; Melville Island Group, 12 ft  
below top; GSC loc. C-39381/2820-2870

*Haplophragmoides canui* Cushman  
*H. kingakensis* Tappan - *H. barrowensis*  
Tappan complex  
*Reophax suevica* Tappan - *R. densa* Tappan  
complex  
*Glomospirella* sp. 6  
*Arenoturrispirillina* cf. *A. waltoni* Chamney  
age: Late Jurassic, Kimmeridgian to  
Tithonian

Comments: The presence of *Haplophragmoides kingakensis/H. barrowensis*, *H. canui*, and *Reophax suevica/R. densa* indicates Barremian or older age while the occurrence of *Glomospirella* sp. 6 suggests latest Jurassic age, based on other occurrences of this informal taxon known to Robertson Research. *Arenoturrispirillina* cf. *A. waltoni* indicates Kimmeridgian or Tithonian age. Lithologic studies by Miall (1974a) indicate the top of Devonian rocks at a depth of 2858 feet.

Devonian and Cretaceous Assemblages  
(conodonts, foraminifers and  
associated microfossils)  
by D.R. Clowser, T.T. Uyeno and J.H. Wall

Elfex-Texaco Tiritchik M-48  
72°47'51"N, 120°44'48"W, Figure 1, loc. 18

Depth 2000-2100 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 735-835 ft below  
top, 410-510 ft above base; GSC  
loc. C-33961/2000-2100

*Bathysiphon* sp.  
*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Ammodiscus cretaceus* (Reuss)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*H. aff. H. gigas* Cushman  
*Trochammina* sp. (small, compressed)  
*Quinqueloculina* sp. (rare)

Depth 2100-2200 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 310-410 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2100-2200

*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Spiroplectammina?* sp. (rare)  
siliceous sponge spicule

Depth 2200-2300 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 210-310 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2200-2300

*Bathysiphon* sp. (rare)  
*Ammodiscus* sp. (small; rare)  
*Reophax* or *Ammobaculites* sp. (rare)  
*Reophax?* (one elongate cylindrical chamber;  
rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* aff. *H. gigas* Cushman  
*Trochammina* sp.

Depth 2240 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 270 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2240

*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Trochammina* sp.  
*Verneuilinoides* sp.  
*Gaudryina* sp.

Depth 2300-2400 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 110-210 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2300-2400

*Saccammina* spp.  
*Haplophragmoides* aff. *H. gigas* Cushman  
*Gaudryina?* sp. (rare)  
*Gravellina* sp. (rare)

Depth 2400-2500 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 10-110 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2400-2500

*Saccammina* sp. (rare)  
*Haplophragmoides* sp.  
*Trochammina* cf. *T. albertensis* Wickenden  
*Verneuilinoides* sp. (rare)

Depth 2420 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, 90 ft above  
base; GSC loc. C-33961/2420

*Bathysiphon vitta* Nauss  
*Saccammina alexanderi* (Loeblich and Tappan)  
*S. lathromi* Tappan  
*Haplophragmoides topagorukensis* Tappan  
*Trochammina ribstonensis* Wickenden var.  
*Verneuilinoides borealis* Tappan  
*Gaudryina* sp.  
diatoms

Depth 2500-2600 ft, cuttings;  
Kanguk Formation, basal 10 ft;  
Weatherall Formation, top 90 ft;  
GSC loc. C-33961/2500-2600

*Bathysiphon* sp.  
*Saccammina* spp.  
*Haplophragmoides* spp.  
*H. cf. H. hendersonense* Steck and Wall  
*Verneuilinoides bearpawensis* (Wickenden)  
*Trochammina* cf. *T. albertensis* Wickenden

Depth 4631-4640 ft, core;  
Blue Fiord Formation, 16-25  
ft below top; GSC loc.  
C-33961/4631-4640

*Polygnathus perbonus perbonus* (Philip)  
(late form)  
*Pandorinellina* cf. *P. optima* (Moskalenko)  
age: Emsian (informally about mid-Emsian);  
*P. perbonus perbonus* faunal unit of  
Klapper (in Perry et al., 1974)

Comments (J.H.W.): The interval between 2000 and 2600 feet was examined to ascertain if the well penetrated Lower Cretaceous strata. Foraminifers recovered indicate that Upper Cretaceous (most probably Campanian) beds overlie the Devonian. Consequently, it appears that Albian rocks are not present in the well.

Comments (D.R.C.): The poorly preserved assemblage of agglutinating foraminifers at 2240 feet has a Late Cretaceous aspect. That at 2420 feet also is Late Cretaceous and probably is Cenomanian.

Comments (T.T.U.): Conodont faunas with the late form of *P. perbonus perbonus* have previously been reported from the Blue Fiord Formation on Devon Island (Klapper, 1969), the upper Stuart Bay Formation on Bathurst Island (Uyeno in McGregor and Uyeno, 1972), the Ogilvie Formation on Hart River, northern Yukon Territory (Klapper in Ludvigsen, 1972), and the Ogilvie and Prongs Creek Formations in northern Yukon Territory (Klapper in Perry et al., 1974). The same faunal unit has been reported from outcrop GSC localities C-30544 (southwestern tip of Princess Royal Island) and C-30547 (near Armstrong Point, Victoria Island). However, the present suite contains several specimens exhibiting a form approaching *Pandorinellina optima*, a species known only from older faunas and, for this reason, it may represent the oldest part of the stratigraphic range of *P. perbonus perbonus* (late form).

Devonian Assemblages  
(brachiopods, pelecypods and dacryoconarids)  
by A.W. Norris

I.O.E. Providence K-45  
61°34'36.00", 117°08'47.78"W, Figure 1, loc. 23

Depth 682 ft, core; Horn River  
Formation, 29 ft below top, 154  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-34848

*Roundya?* sp.  
conodont  
age: probably Devonian

Depth 704.5 ft, core; Horn River  
Formation, 51.5 ft below top;  
131.5 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37182

*Styliolina* sp.  
age: probably Middle Devonian

Depth 779.5 ft, core; Horn River  
Formation, 126.5 ft below top,  
56.5 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37184

*Styliolina* sp.  
age: probably Middle Devonian

Depth 823 ft, core; Horn River  
Formation, 13 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-37185

*Emanuella* sp.  
punctate brachiopod fragments  
age: Middle Devonian

Depth 829.5 ft, core; Horn River  
Formation, 6.5 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-37186

*Styliolina* sp.  
*Tentaculites* sp.  
*Leiorhynchus* cf. *L. castanea* (Meek)  
age: Middle Devonian, early to middle  
Givetian

Depth 838 ft, core; Lonely Bay Formation, 2 ft below top; GSC loc. C-37187

*Buchiola* sp.  
*Lingula minuta* Meek  
*Emanuella* sp.  
*Warrenella?* sp.  
*Leiorhynchus awokanak* McLaren  
*L. castanea* (Meek)  
age: Middle Devonian, early to middle Givetian

Depth 841 ft, core; Lonely Bay Formation, 5 ft below top; GSC loc. C-37188

*Nowakia* sp.  
*Lingula* sp.  
*Rhyssochonetes aurora* (Hall)  
*Leiorhynchus* cf. *L. awokanak* McLaren  
*L. cf. L. castanea* (Meek)  
age: Middle Devonian, early to middle Givetian

Depth 843 ft, core; Lonely Bay Formation, 7 ft below top; GSC loc. C-37189

*Rhyssochonetes aurora* (Hall)  
*Leiorhynchus* cf. *L. castanea* (Meek)  
age: Middle Devonian, early to middle Givetian

Depth 847 ft, core; Lonely Bay Formation, 11 ft below top; GSC loc. C-37190

*Lingula* sp.  
*Rhyssochonetes* cf. *R. aurora* (Hall)  
*Leiorhynchus castanea* (Meek)  
age: Middle Devonian, early to middle Givetian

Comments: See discussion below the following well.

Horn River et al. Mink Lake I-38  
61°37'31"N, 117°35'51"W, Figure 1, loc. 22

Depth 880 ft, core; Horn River Formation, 64 ft above base; GSC loc. C-34850

*Lingula* sp.  
*Nowakia?* sp.  
*Styliolina* sp.  
age: probably late Middle Devonian

Depth 908 ft, core; Horn River Formation, 36 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37191

*Lingula*  
*Leiorhynchus* cf. *L. castanea* (Meek)  
*Styliolina* sp.  
age: late Middle Devonian, early to middle Givetian

Comments: Fossils present in cores from the I.O.E. Providence K-45 well between the depths of 823 and 847 feet are typical of the Pine Point and Horn River Formations of the Great Slave Lake area. They indicate an early to mid-Givetian age. The fossils from between 682 and 779.5 feet in the same well are less diagnostic, but are probably also of Givetian age. Typical fossils of the Pine Point and Horn River Formations are present also in the two samples from the Mink Lake I-38 well.

Devonian Assemblages  
(corals and stromatoporoids)  
by A.E.H. Pedder

I.O.E.-Triad Ebbutt D-50  
62°19'01"N, 122°23'30"W, Figure 1, loc. 21  
(Note GSC Paper 70-15, p. 12, 13)

Depth 1580 ft, core; Nahanni Formation, 49 ft below top, 254 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37924

*Mesophyllum?* (sensu lato) sp.  
age: probably Middle Devonian

Depths 1582-1591 ft, core; Nahanni Formation, 51-61 ft below top, 243-252 ft above base; GSC locs. C-37923, C-37926, C-37927

*Amphipora* sp.  
indeterminate stromatoporoid  
age: Late Silurian to Late Devonian

Depth 1600 ft, core; Nahanni Formation, 69 ft below top, 234 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37928

*Stromatopora* sp.  
*Alveolites* sp.  
age: probably Middle Devonian, Late Eifelian

Depth about 1629 ft, core; Nahanni Formation, about 108 ft below top, about 195 ft above base; GSC loc. C-37922

*Thamnopora* sp.  
age: probably Late Silurian-Late Devonian

Depth 1700.5-1702 ft, core; Nahanni Formation, 169.5-171 ft below top, 132-133.5 ft above base; GSC locs. C-37925, C-37666

"*Microplasma*" cf. "*M.*" *fongi* Yoh sensu Lenz, 1961  
rugose coral, gen. et sp. nov.  
age: Middle Devonian, late Eifelian

Comments: Most of these collections contain only undetermined, and in some cases possibly new, species of long-ranging genera. However, C-37925 certainly, and C-37666 and C-37928 probably, are diagnostic of the Hume Formation and its correlatives.

The species of *Amphipora* from between the depths of 1582 and 1591 feet normally lacks an axial canal and, where the canal is present, it is very small. Thus it is not *A. ramosa* (Phillips). Whatever it is, it is known from the Hume Formation but, as most species of the genus are long ranging, this may not be significant. The species of *Alveolites* from a depth of 1600 feet is known from the Hume Formation. The rugose coral genus from between 1700.5 and 1702 feet also occurs in the Hume Formation, although the species are not necessarily identical.

Devonian Assemblages (conodonts)  
by T.T. Uyeno

Dome *et al.* Weatherall 0-10 well  
75°49'51.9"N, 108°31'50.0"W, Figure 1, loc. 12

Depth 6530-6750 ft, cuttings;  
GSC loc. C-30171

*Pandorinellina exigua* (Philip)  
*Polygnathus dehisces* Klapper  
*Belodella* sp.  
*Neopanderodus?* sp.  
age: Early Devonian, informally mid-  
Emsian; Fauna 8 of Klapper *et al.*  
(1971)

Comments: Weight of sample was 1217 gm. Because the sample consisted of cuttings, the above age is the minimum for the interval sampled. Conodonts of this age have been found in the middle part of the Stuart Bay Formation on northeastern Bathurst Island (McGregor and Uyeno, 1972).

Silurian and Devonian Assemblages  
(ostracodes, brachiopods, fish, conodonts)  
by M.J. Copeland, A.W. Norris,  
R. Thorsteinsson and T.T. Uyeno

Imperial *et al.* Devon E-45  
75°04'21"N, 91°48'20"W, Figure 1, loc. 13

Depth 120-129 ft, cuttings (1212 gm);  
Read Bay Formation, B Member, 2141-  
2150 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
120-129

*Ozarkodina confluens* (Branson and Mehl), P  
element, late form  
*Pelekysgnathus* n. sp.  
age: Late Silurian, probably Pridolian

Depth 300-310 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1960-  
1970 ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
300-310

*Bairdiocypris* sp.

Depth 310-330 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1940-1960  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
310-330

*Libumella* sp.  
*Eukloedenella* sp.

Depth 390-420 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1850-1880  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
390-420

*craspedobolbine?* beyrichiid ostracode  
*Libumella* sp.  
*Microcheilinella* sp.  
age: Silurian

Depth 420-440 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1830-1850  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
420-440

*Selebratina?* sp.

Depth 720-730 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1540-1550  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
720-730

*Eukloedenella* sp.

Depth 770-780 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 1490-1500  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
770-780

*craspedobolbine?* beyrichiid ostracode  
cf. *Bicornella* sp.  
age: Silurian

Depth 1300-1400 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 870-970  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
1300-1400

*Ozarkodina confluens* (Branson and Mehl)  
*O. eosteinhornensis* (Walliser)  
age: late Ludlow to Pridolian

Depth 1400-1410 ft, cuttings; Read  
Bay Formation, B Member, 860-870  
ft above base; GSC loc. C-33493/  
1400-1410

*Baschkirina* sp.

Depth 2300-2400 ft, cuttings (1206 gm);  
Read Bay Formation, A Member, 30-130  
ft below top, ?1027-?1127 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-33493/2300-2400

*Ozarkodina confluens* (Branson and Mehl)  
*Panderodus* spp.  
"Belodella" spp.  
age: Silurian

Depth 2978-3008 ft, core (1586 gm);  
Read Bay Formation, A Member, 428-658  
ft below top; GSC loc. C-33493/2978-3008

*Ozarkodina confluens* (Branson and Mehl), P  
element, late form  
*Panderodus* spp.  
age: Late Silurian, middle Ludlow to  
Pridolian

		BIOSTRATIGRAPHY													
		SAMPLE WEIGHTS (Grams)		SAMPLE INTERVAL IN FEET (All cuttings)						SAMPLE WEIGHTS (Grams)		SAMPLE INTERVAL IN FEET (All cuttings)			
TAXON															
OSTRACODES	indeterminate ostracode spp.	x	?	x		x	x		x	x			x	?	?
	indeterminate monoceratellid				?										
	indeterminate aparchitid														
	indeterminate beyrichiid spp.														
	indeterminate leperditiid spp.	x		x		?	x		x				x		
	"Aparchites"? sp.	x													
	<i>Ellesmeria</i> sp.				?	x	x		x	x					
	<i>E. ovata</i> Tolmachoff	x		x	x x x x					x ?					
	<i>E. cf. E. cylindrica</i> Tolmachoff														
	<i>Kloedenella</i> ? sp.	x													
	<i>Bairdiacypris</i> sp.	x		x x						x					
	<i>Bairdiocypris</i> sp.			x		x	x x		x						
	<i>Hypotetragona</i> ? sp.		x							x ?					
	<i>Libumella</i> ? sp.		x			x	x		x						
	<i>Beyrichia</i> ? sp.						x		x						
	<i>B. aff. B. arctigena</i> Martinsson					x	x x		x						
	<i>Selebratina</i> sp.					x		x ?							
	<i>Welleria</i> ? sp.					x									
	<i>Alaskabolbina</i> ? sp.			x											
CONODONTS	<i>Praepilatina</i> ? sp.					x			x						
	<i>Eukoederella</i> sp.									x					
	<i>Ozarkodina</i> sp.										x	?	?		
	<i>O. remsccheidensis</i> (Ziegler)										x			x	
	<i>O. cf. O. easteinhornensis</i> (Walliser)										x			x	
BRACHIOPODS	<i>O. excavata</i> (Branson and Mehl)													x	
	<i>Panderodus</i> spp.										x			x	
	<i>Anceraidella</i> ? sp.													x	
	<i>A. ploeckensis</i> Walliser													x	
	cf. <i>Coełospira</i> sp.			x											
FISH	cf. <i>Atrypa</i> sp.				x										
	cf. <i>Metaplasia</i> sp.									x					
	<i>Howellella</i> cf. <i>H. cycloptera</i> (Hall)									x					
FISH	Cyathaspidae n. gen. et sp. [aff. <i>Anglaspis</i> (Jackel)]		x												GSC

FIGURE 3. Occurrences of taxa in cuttings from the Sun-Panarctic Russell E-82 well

Comments (M.J.C.): The presence of craspedobolbine? ostracodes at 390 and 770 feet indicates that the strata at these horizons are most probably of Silurian age. In Europe, craspedobolbine species are not known to occur in strata younger than Silurian, and in the Appalachian Province of North America, they are typically Middle Silurian.

Sun-Panarctic Russell E-82  
73°51'29.45"N, 98°56'48.92"W, Figure 1, loc. 14

Depth 410-4880 ft, cuttings; 410-?4376 ft, Peel Sound Formation equivalent, ?4376-?4980 ft, Read Bay Formation; GSC loc. C-30870/410-4880

Figure 3 shows the distribution of ostracodes, conodonts, brachiopods and fish in the well and a summary of suggested ages.

Comments (M.J.C.): Only strata to a depth of 2360 feet bear ostracodes of biostratigraphic value. Beyrichiid ostracodes (*Beyrichia* aff. *B. arctigena* Martinsson, *Welleria*? sp., *Alaskabolbina*? sp.) would appear to indicate an Early Devonian age; *B. arctigena* originally was described from strata of the Sutherland River Formation and the genus *Alaskabolbina* presently is known only in beds of Emsian age from Yukon Territory and Alaska. If the ostracode sequence of Prince of Wales Island is similar to that of the Yukon Territory and Alaska, the absence of hollinid ostracodes would appear to indicate an

age no younger than early Emsian. At present, ostra-  
codes of Gedinnian and Siegenian ages from Yukon  
Territory have not been studied so the composition  
of these faunas is unknown.

Comments (T.T.U.): *Ozarkodina remsccheidensis* at  
1920-2040 ft is represented by P and O<sub>1</sub> elements and  
at 2160-2260 and 2320-2360 ft solely by juvenile P  
elements. *Ancoradella ploeckensis* is an indicator  
of the *A. ploeckensis* Zone, which (Walliser, 1971)  
correlates with the *Monograptus chimaera* Zone. The  
zone is known also in the upper part of the type  
section of Member A of the Read Bay Formation, Corn-  
wallis Island.

Comments (A.W.N.): The determinations are not cer-  
tain because of the tiny and fragmentary nature of  
the megafossils. The most diagnostic element is a  
spiriferid fragment from between the depths of 2280  
and 2320 feet, suggestive of *Howellella cycloptera*.  
This species occurs in the *Spinoplasia* Zone of Nevada  
which would now be dated as early Siegenian. The  
presence of the ambocoeliid brachiopod, cf. *Meta-*  
*plasia* sp., in the same sample, is also suggestive  
of an Early Devonian age. In the sample from between  
1230 and 1240 feet is a tiny fragment suggestive of  
the brachiopod genus *Coelospira* sp. The recorded  
range of the genus is from Ludlow to Eifelian, but  
the form present is suggestive of an Early Devonian  
age.

Comments (R.T.): The single specimen of fish from  
between 880 and 890 feet is a dorsolateral scale  
from the trunk of a member of the Cyathaspididae  
which is similar in all respects to the dorsolateral  
scales of a new genus and species of cyathaspid from  
Prince of Wales Island (GSC loc. C-8225). The lat-  
ter occurrence is associated with conodonts that are  
dated as late Gedinnian (T.T. Uyeno, pers. com.); a  
similar age is indicated for the beds in the Russell  
E-82 well.

Panarctic et al. Bent Horn N-72  
76°21'50.7"N, 103°58'11.9"W, Figure 1, loc. 11

Depth 14 349-14 379 ft, core (816 gm);  
GSC loc. C-30172

*Panderodus* sp.  
fish scale of an acanthodian or thelodont  
age: probably Late Silurian to early  
Early Devonian

Comments (R.T. and T.T.U.): *Panderodus* ranges from  
Middle Ordovician to Middle Devonian. Fish scales  
of the type present are not known in rocks older  
than Late Llandovery; on the basis of the scale the  
beds are probably Ludlow to Gedinnian.

Silurian Assemblages (corals)  
by B.S. Norford

Horn River et al. Willowlake R. I-71  
62°40'44"N, 121°43'18"W, Figure 1, loc. 20

Depth 2463 ft, core; Mount Kindle Formation,  
129 ft below top, 370 ft above base; GSC  
loc. C-34854/2463

stromatoporoid  
undetermined tabulate coral  
*Catenipora* sp.  
*Cystihalyssites* sp.  
*Favosites?* sp.  
indeterminate brachiopods  
age: Silurian

Ordovician and Silurian Assemblages  
(brachiopods; conodonts)  
by T.T. Uyeno and B.S. Norford

Panarctic-Deminex Garnier 0-21  
73°49'52.19"N, 90°36'45.17"W, Figure 1, loc. 15

Depth 970-1030 ft, cuttings (845 gm);  
GSC loc. C-30875/970-1030

*Panderodus* spp.  
*Delotaxis?* sp. [B<sub>3</sub> element resembling that  
of *Delotaxis excavata novoexcavata*  
(Jeppsson)]  
age: probably Silurian

Depth 1680-1770 ft, cuttings (943 gm);  
GSC loc. C-30875/1680-1770

*Panderodus* spp.  
age: Middle Ordovician to Middle Devonian

Depth 1970-2050 ft, cuttings (643 gm);  
GSC loc. C-30875/1970-2050

*Panderodus* spp.  
indeterminate fragments  
age: Middle Ordovician to Middle Devonian

Depth 2180-2200 ft, cuttings (418 gm);  
GSC loc. C-30875/2180-2200

*Delotaxis?* sp. [B<sub>3</sub> element approaching  
*Loncholina detorta* Walliser, s.f.]  
*Panderodus* spp.  
age: Silurian, probably Ludlovian

Depth 4100-4200 ft, cuttings (826 gm);  
Baillarge Formation, Member B, 715-815  
ft below top, 405-505 ft above base;  
GSC loc. C-30875/4100-4200

*Panderodus* cf. *P. panderi* Stauffer  
indeterminate fragments  
age: probably late Middle to Late Ordovician

Depth 4330-4340 ft, cuttings; Baillarge  
Formation, Member B, 945-955 ft below  
top, 265-275 ft above base; GSC loc.  
C-30875/4330-4340

*Thaerodonta* sp.  
age: Late Ordovician, late Caradoc to  
Ashgill

Depth 6060-6120 ft, cuttings (1016 gm);  
Ship Point Formation, 831-891 ft below top;  
GSC loc. C-30875/6060-6120

undetermined conodonts  
age: Early Ordovician

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