

LEGEND

Concentration of zinc, 0 to 150 ppm
in stream sediments

Concentration of zinc, 151 to 250 ppm
in stream sediments

Concentration of zinc, 251 ppm or greater
in stream sediments

Location of known mineral occurrences
(Symbols indicate principal metals)

Missing properties (see index below)

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

Geological

South of a line following the Millstream River and westward through Tetagouche Lake, the area is underlain mainly by Ordovician Tetagouche Group comprising a series of complexly folded and altered metasediments, meta-volcanics, and metadiabatic intrusions. These are intruded south of Bathurst by a granitic mass.

North of the Millstream River the rocks are mainly of Ordovician, Silurian, and Devonian age. The Elmstree Group, of probable Ordovician age, is composed of meta-sediments and some metadiabatic which are intruded by a granitic stock in the vicinity of Antouist Lake. The Silurian and Devonian rocks comprise both sediments and volcanics that are faulted in places, gently folded, and on the whole are less metamorphosed than the older rocks in the district. In the Nicholas Dicks area the Silurian rocks are intruded by a granitic stock that has an associated metamorphic aureole in which the rocks are mainly hornfels and slates. Another granitic stock intrudes Silurian volcanic rocks along South Baymouth River.

East of Bathurst the area is underlain by the Pennsylvanian Bathurst Formation. These rocks are mainly slates, sandstones, grites, and conglomerates that dip gently eastward.

Flat lying conglomerates and sandstones (Bathurst Formation), possibly of Triassic age, underlie Storm Island and fringe the coast in the Jacquet River area.

Glacial till, sand, and gravel mantle the whole district, and recent post-glacial sands and clays cover much of the area around Bathurst Harbour and occur in the shore section at Jacquet River.

The principal mineral deposits in the area are massive, vein, and disseminated deposits containing essentially iron, zinc, lead, and copper sulfides. Molybdenum occurrences are associated with the Bathurst, Nicholas Dicks, and Antouist Lake granitic bodies.

The text of the paper accompanying this map should be consulted for further details on the geology and economic geology of the district.

Geochemical

The analyses recorded on this map were done on samples of sediment collected from the channels of rivers and streams and from rivulets flowing from springs. Where possible the active channels were sampled, but in a few cases the residual sediment of dried-up streams was used. In working areas and in streams where beaver workings were present the sediment contained abundant organic matter.

The sediment was dried, crushed to a fine powder, ground to -150 mesh, and analyzed for zinc according to the procedure outlined by Gilbert (1941). Sodium fluoride was added to disassociate barium to suppress any interference by aluminum. The values are expressed in parts per million. The subdivisions used on the map are arbitrary and based on experience in the district. The lowest subdivision can be taken to represent the background.

All streams and rivers were traversed on foot, and the stream sediments were collected, where possible, at intervals of 1,000 feet.

The zinc content of the stream and spring sediments ranges from 10 to 34,000 ppm. The background for the whole district is about 150 ppm, but in some areas the background may be as low as 50 ppm. This indicates that the values obtained for each stream or group of streams should be considered individually.

Most of the known sulfide deposits in the district are marked by higher than normal contents of zinc in the neighbouring stream sediments. Examples are Nepequig River (Keynes deposit), South of the map-area, South Little River (Brambach No. 13 deposit, south of the map-area), Tortoise Brook (Carbon deposit, west of the map-area), Orvan Brook (Orvan Brook deposit), and Elmstree River (Keynes mine).

Numerous examples of streams with sediment containing higher than average amounts of zinc occur in virgin areas and are unrelated to known deposits or continuing agencies. A few of the more important streams that should receive further investigation are Little River and a number of its tributaries, Middle River, Six Mile Brook, Cherry Brook, the stream west of Kome, Wild Cat Brook, the three streams draining southeast into the South Tetagouche River, the streams draining northeast into Fortville Brook, Goulet Brook, Fourmile Brook, Ellis Brook, Lake Brook, some of the tributaries of the Elmstree River, Red Brook, North Nigado River, South Nash Creek, the Jack Burns Lakes drainage system of Louisa Creek, and a number of streams draining southeast into the Jacquet River south of Big Hole Brook. The last group of anomalies appears to be related to the north-east trending faults west of Jacquet River.

The zinc anomalies in the stream sediments are generally coincident with heavy metal anomalies in the water and with those obtained by the cold extractable technique on sediments. There is also a general correlation of the zinc content of the sediments with those for copper, lead, arsenic, and antimony as well as with molybdenum in the sediments of most streams.

The presence of abundant manganese hydroxides and oxides (Step 40-1941) may be a factor in the localization of zinc in some of the anomalous streams. Manganese hydroxides (and hydrated oxides) strongly adsorb zinc and hence may give false anomalies. This feature should be carefully considered when evaluating all mineral anomalies in this sheet. The coincidence of heavy metal (mainly zinc) water anomalies with many of the stream sediment anomalies seems to suggest, however, that many of the latter are valid anomalies and not only enhanced by the presence of manganese.

The zinc content of the stream and spring sediments shown on this map should be compared with the heavy metal content of stream and spring waters shown on Map 25-1945, and also with the contents of individual elements recorded on Maps 24-1945 to 44-1945 inclusive.

Gilbert, M.A.: Field and laboratory methods used by the Geological Survey of Canada in geochemical surveys; No. 1, Laboratory methods for determining copper, zinc, and lead; Geol. Surv. Can., Paper 59-3 (1941).

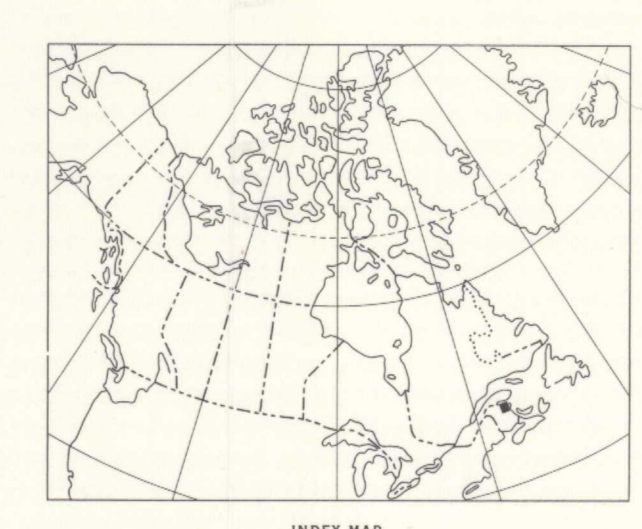
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Geological cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada, 1965

- Roads, all weather
- Other roads
- Cart track
- Trail or portage
- Railway
- Station and stop
- Post Office
- Lighthouse
- Power transmission line
- Horizontal control point
- Survey monument
- County or district boundary
- Township or parish boundary
- Indian Reserve boundary
- Intermittent stream
- Stream (position approximate)
- Rapids, falls
- Prescribed, tidal flats
- Reef, rock or small island
- Marsh
- Wharf or pier
- Sand or gravel
- Height in feet above mean sea-level
- Base-map compiled and revised by the Survey and Mapping Branch, 1954, 1956
- Approximate magnetic declination, 24° 03' West, decreasing 1.7" annually



MAP 35-1965
PAPER 65-42
ZINC CONTENT OF STREAM AND SPRING SEDIMENTS
BATHURST-JACQUET RIVER DISTRICT
NEW BRUNSWICK
Scale 1:63,360
1 inch to 1 mile

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