DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS PRELIMINARY SERIES SHEET 42 M LEGEND Adjoins Map 55-1963 "Lansdowne House EXPLANATORY NOTES SILURIAN This map is one of a series of seven preliminary geochemical LOWER SILURIAN maps, on a scale of 1 inch to 4 miles, presenting the results of a survey MEDINA GROUP of the copper content of bedrock exposed at the surface throughout a SEVERN RIVER FORMATION: light grey to buff, very finely-crystalline dolomite, fine- to medium-grained dolomitic 43,000 square mile portion of the Red Lake - Lansdowne House region in northwestern Ontario between longitudes 86 and 94 and latitudes 51 and 53 degrees. Regional geochemical surveys undertaken for the express pur-ORDOVICIAN UPPER ORDOVICIAN pose of mineral exploration are generally made by sampling stream RICHMOND GROUP waters, drainage system detritus, or soils. These techniques have the advantage that secondary dispersion effects, which may be developed in 13 Dolomite, limestone, sandstone these surficial materials, can often be detected at considerable distances from mineralized zones in bedrock and thus effectively enlarge the exploration target sought. But in this region of low relief and comparatively unweathered bedrock overlain by swamps and glacial deposits, it was thought that the use of these surficial media would introduce especially 12 Undivided 8-11, based almost entirely on aeromagnetic data difficult problems of sampling, chemical analysis and interpretation. Consideration was given, therefore, to the direct sampling of bedrock. This technique has been given little attention previously, probably because Massive, fine-grained to pegmatitic, pink granite, quartz monzonite, and granodiorite; minor syenite, monzonite, of apparent difficulties of sampling and preparing rocks for chemical syenodiorite, quartz diorite, aplite, pegmatite analysis, together with the fact that certain secondary dispersion effects found in surficial materials may be absent from, or only weakly developed Massive, fine-grained to pegmatitic, white to grey, quartz monzonite, granodiorite, quartz diorite; minor granite, in, bedrock. Apart from these objections, several advantages of working with rocks were apparent: (1) the results would be free from interpretative syenodiorite, diorite difficulties arising from the use of surficial materials in a glaciated area; (2) a bedrock study would provide much needed basic data on the regional 9a, porphyritic quartz monzonite, granodiorite, granite, 9 quartz diorite; augen gneiss; 9b, aphanitic to fine-grained geochemistry of rocks in this part of the Canadian Shield; and (3) the study would form a sound basis for future work on waters, stream sediments and grey quartz, feldspar, quartz-feldspar porphyry all other media in this region. For this large scale experimental reconnaissance no special sampling crews were used, and geochemical sampling Foliated, fine- to coarse-grained, white to grey granodiorite, Foliated, fine- to coarse-granted, white to gard quartz monzonite, quartz diorite; minor granite, syenodiorite, was restricted to the collection of rock specimens by geological mapping parties without seriously impeding their progress. Specimens of rock, weighing between 2 and 3 pounds, were taken, 7a, gabbro, quartz gabbro, olivine gabbro, anorthositic gabbro, derived amphibolites; minor diorite, quartz diorite; 7b, hornwhere possible, from outcrops at intervals of about a mile along the traverses required for mapping on the scale of 1 inch to 4 miles. At each blendite, garnetiferous hornblendite, pyroxenite, undifferentiated station a single specimen of the most common rock was taken and its ultrabasic rocks; 7c, aphanitic to medium-grained diabase, description recorded. The specimens were split and a chip retained for possibly Proterozoic in part reference. The remainder was passed through a jaw crusher set to deliver about 60 mesh/inch size. After thorough mixing by rolling on 6 Migmatite, mixed rocks; mainly quartz-biotite-feldspar gneisses paper sheets, a 15 to 20 gram grab sample was taken and ground to finer than 100 mesh/inch size in a ceramic ball mill. This procedure is rapid Undivided 1-4, based almost entirely on aeromagnetic data; 5a, undivided 1 and 3 and contamination is negligible. The finely-ground rock powders were analyzed for copper by fusion with potassium bisulphate followed by colorimetric determination with dithizone using the technique described Very fine- to medium-grained grey banded iron-formation; by Gilbert, GSC Paper 59-3. 4a, interpreted as underlying Palaeozoic strata, from The results of the chemical analyses, together with petrological classifications and other data describing each specimen were recorded on electronic data processing cards for statistical treatment. Standard Phyllite; quartz-biotite-plagioclase (oligoclase-andesine) schists statistical parameters were calculated that describe the distribution of and gneisses, some garnetiferous; quartz latite, dacite, and copper between and within the different map-units, and are given in a associated pyroclastic rocks, conglomerate; minor staurolite table and diagrams on the map margin. The arithmetic mean (X), geoschists, quartzite, interbedded basalt and amphibolite metric mean (G), and median (M) are measures of central tendency and 3a, mainly conglomerate; 3b, mainly quartz latite, dacite and associated pyroclastic rocks; 3c, amphibolite indicate how the copper is distributed between the different rocks occurring in the region. The ranges (W) and standard deviations (SL) show the degree Aphanitic to fine-grained light green to black, andesite, basalt, derived amphibolites; minor tuff, agglomerate, gabbro sills and of scatter or spread of the concentrations within each of the map-units. Ranges given in the table refer to the data used in the computations. Higher dykes, quartzite, calcareous argillite concentrations were found in a few specimens containing abundant visible sulphide minerals, these are shown on the map but were excluded from the Phyllite; quartz-biotite-plagioclase schists and gneisses, some calculations. Cumulative frequency curves were generally found to approxgarnetiferous; quartz latite, dacite, and associated pyroclastic imate more closely to straight lines when plotted logarithmically and suggest, rocks; quartzite; minor staurolite- and sillimanite-bearing therefore, that the copper is usually distributed approximately lognormally schists; interbedded basalt and amphibolite in the rocks. For this reason the means (\bar{X}_T) and standard deviations (S_T) were calculated on the logarithms of the copper concentrations. $(\bar{X}_L + S_L)$, $\overline{X}_L + 2S_L$), and $(\overline{X}_L + 3S_L)$ are three levels above which 15.9, 2.3 and 0.13 Notes: Units 1-12 not necessarily in chronological order. per cent, respectively, of the individual concentrations will lie (assuming a lognormal distribution) and may be used to investigate local deviations from 5 and 5 indicates extension of Precambrian rocks (5) under Regional variations in the concentrations of copper in rocks are Palaeozoic rocks based on aeromagnetic information likely to follow patterns resulting from a complex history of lithological, metamorphic and structural events. The importance of lithology as a control is evident from the considerable difference between the means of logical control is likely to obscure smaller and more subtle variations in the distribution of copper induced by other causes. Recognition of this Geological boundary (approximate or assumed)..... fact is important for a proper interpretation of the data. No satisfactory Geological boundary interpreted under drift-covered way could be found of presenting the geochemical data on a single map areas from aeromagnetic data..... suitable for preliminary publication so that the influences of different controls over the distribution of copper were clearly shown. For this Bedding, tops known (inclined, vertical, overturned, reason the results are given as simple plots of the copper concentrations determined from each specimen. Bedding, tops unknown (inclined, vertical)....... Gheissosity, schistosity (inclined, vertical, Drag-fold in gneissosity (arrow indicates direction Glacial striae (direction of ice-movement shown, MAP 56-1963 GEOCHEMISTRY (COPPER IN BEDROCK) FORT HOPE ONTARIO Scale: One Inch to Four Miles = $\frac{1}{253,440}$ Tungsten. Geology by G.D. Jackson, 1961 See GSC Map 6-1962 for descriptive notes on the geology Bedrock sampling points..... DIRECTOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA, OTTAK CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION CURVES Geochemical compilation by R. H. C. Holman, 1960-61 TABLE OF STATISTICAL DATA DIAGRAM OF STATISTICAL DATA FOR MAP-UNITS DESCRIBED IN LEGEND Analyses by M.A. Gilbert Map Area of Number of Area per Copper in parts per million (Cu ppm) Geological cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada, 1961 and 1964 mean mean deviation \overline{X}_L G \overline{X}_L + \overline{X}_L + \overline{X}_L + $2S_L$ \overline{X}_L + $3S_L$ Approximate magnetic declination, 04° 13' East Portage . . 8 0.5860 0.4557 1.0417 1.4974 1.9531 Wireless station..... 9 213 4 51 4.2 to <5 10 0.6543 5 0.4665 1.1208 1.5873 2.0538 Marsh.... 8 1531 28 298 5.1 to <5 11 0.6898 5* 0.5038 1.1936 1.6974 2.2012 7 57 1 128 0.5 to 40 69 1.5518 36* 0.5670 2.1188 2.6858 3.2528 Base-map by the Surveys and Mapping Branch, 1952 6 338 6 125 2.7 to 8 18 0.9086 8 0.5464 1.4550 2.0014 2.5478 3&1 299 6 81 3.7 to 20 29 1.2584 0.4604 1.7188 2.1792 2.6396 2 597 11 200 3.0 to 50 71 1.5952 0.5583 2.1535 2.7118 3.2701 Total 5405 100 1355 4.0 to *antilogarithms

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5 (Cu ppm) 10

(a) - For explanation of Map-units see legend

(c) - Expressed as percentages of 5405 sq miles

antilog XL = G (geometric mean)

assigned a value of 2 ppm for all computations

(f) $-\overline{X}_L = \underline{\geq} \log \overline{X}$ (logarithms to base 10 used throughout)

Palaeozoic rocks

(b) - Rough estimates that include the areas of all lakes and of heavy drift. Total area of map is approximately 6000 sq miles, thus Precambrian rocks are totally obscured throughout about 10 per cent of the area by

(d) -<5 = less than 5 ppm Cu (detection limit of analytical method); arbitrarily

(e) $-\overline{X} = \sum \overline{X}/n$ where $\overline{X} = \text{concentration of copper (ppm) in each specimen}$

(g) - S_L = standard deviation calculated on logarithmically transformed data