

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

The Elbow-Cranberry-Iskwasum lakes area, which comprises the central Flin Flon Belt in the southeastern Trans-Hudson Orogen, hosts 1.92-1.88 Ga arc, ocean floor and ocean island tectonostratigraphic assemblages, forming the eastern portion of the *Amisk collage* (Stern et al., 1995a; 1995b). For a more complete description of lithologies than is provided in the legend, see Syrne (1992, 1993, 1994), Whalen (1993), and Morrison and Whalen (1995). These assemblages are typically bounded by shear zones or faults (Syme, 1995; Ryan and Williams, 1996a), and locally preserve stratigraphic discontinuities. Six generations of ductile structural fabrics and a generation of brittle-ductile to brittle features developed during a deformation history in excess of 180 Ma (Ryan and Williams, submitted manuscript). Structural boundaries developed at different intervals, from initial intraoceanic accretion (c.f. Lucas et al. 1996) to post-orogenic brittle faulting. Boundaries vary, with age, in character and tectonic paragenesis is key to distinguishing the different generations of structures.

significance (Ryan and Williams, submitted manuscript). The relative timing of fabric development to metamorphic mineral Contact metamorphism (M1), related to the 1.876-1.864 Ga (Whalen and Hunt, 1994) plutonism, reached amphibolite facies in <1 km wide contact aureoles. Regional metamorphism (M2) associated with the Hudsonian Orogeny is generally considered to have peaked between 1.820-1.805 Ga (Parent et al. 1995; David et al., 1996) in the Amisk collage. Mafic rocks contain the upper greenschist M2 assemblage of chlorit-actinolite ± biotite east of the Elbow Lake shear zone (ELSZ) at Elbow Lake. A sharp eastward increase to epidote-amphibolite facies is marked by a change in plagioclase composition from albite to oligoclase, coincident with the disappearance of chlorite, and by the presence of pargasitic hornblendes and ferro-tschermakites. M2 increases to amphibolite facies northwards, and decreases southwards to upper greenschist facies at Iskwasum Lake. West of the ELSZ, the grade of M2 varies from amphibolite facies in the north, to actinolite bearing upper greenschist west of Elbow Lake, and to middle greenschist facies (chlorite ± magnesian chloritoid ± actinolite) in the area between southwest Elbow Lake, First Cranberry Lake and Iskwasum Lake. Variable amounts of hornblende (10-80%) in mafic tectonites/gneisses south of the ELSZ on the south side of First Cranberry Lake indicate a sharp increase to amphibolite facies southward toward the Berry Creek shear zone (BCSZ). Chlorite is ubiquitously associated with deformation that occurred on the retrograde part of the M2 cycle, making it

The earliest fabrics preserved in the central Flin Flon Belt comprise S₁ mylonites in the southern Elbow Lake area. S₁ mylonites are cross cut by 1.868 Ga dykes (Ansdell and Ryan, 1997), and are interpreted as being related to early accretion within the collage (Ryan and Williams, submitted manuscript). Regional metamorphism has largely obliterated the S1 mylonite assemblage. A mafic ultramafic complex within the ocean floor assemblage, interpreted as layer 3 of a dismembered ophiolite (Stern et al., 1995b), is situated east of the S₁ shear zone. Contacts between the ultramafic rocks and basalts are generally not exposed, and are interpreted as being narrow S₁ shear zones and/or faults (10's of metres wide), as opposed to intrusive contacts. S2 formed during 1.860-1.840 Ga generally east-west regional shortening of the Amisk collage (Lucas et al., 1996; Ryan and Williams 1996b). S2 varies in intensity from a weak flattening of pillows west of Elbow Lake to tectonic or gneissic layering adjacent to the larger plutons, and is best developed along the eastern side of the ELSZ from northeast Elbow Lake to the southern limit of the greenstones. S_2 is developed moderately to weakly along the First and Second Cranberry lakes, but strongly on the south side of First Cranberry Lake. It typically forms a differentiated crenulation cleavage where it overprints a bedding fabric or S₁. In plutonic rocks, S₂ is defined by inequant quartz and feldspar grains, or a gneissic layering. At the map scale, the trend of S₂ is controlled largely by the shape of plutons, many of which are slightly elongate in a northflsouth direction, and by subsequent large

The Iskwasum Lake shear zone (ILSZ) is the most extensive F₃ structure, trending south-southwestward from Elbow Lake, to southeastward through Iskwasum Lake. At Elbow Lake, S₃ is only locally preserved due to reactivation of the foliation by later deformation. The ILSZ sweeps into an east-west orientation near the BCSZ to the south. S3 can be distinguished from early and later fabrics because of its unique relationship to regional metamorphism. S₃ mylonites preserve syn-metamorphic dynamic recrystallization features, which are locally weakly annealed, and are defined by, but are not overgrown by the peak assemblage. The ILSZ reactivates the S₁ structure(s) and demarcates the western boundary of the mafic-ultramafic complex. Fourth generation structures (F₄) are manifest by the Claw Bay shear zone on the eastern side of Elbow Lake, and by a 5 km

are grouped because of their similar time relationships to S_3 and S_5 . The large fold at Iskwasum Lake is interpreted as having Fifth generation structures (F₅) comprise the second ubiquitous regional foliation (S₅) across the eastern Amisk collage. In contrast to S2, however, S5 trends consistently between north and northeast. S5 fabrics occur either as ultra-mylonitic shear zone fabrics (e.g. the ELSZ), or as a regionally penetrative crenulation cleavage developed in the wall rocks. Similar to S_2 , the local orientation of S_5 is strongly influenced by the large plutons. The ELSZ is the most regionally significant F_5 structure in the map area and varies in width from about 2500 m in central Elbow Lake, to 10's m elsewhere. This narrowing is controlled predominantly by rheology, but may also be due to thickening and thinning along late stage faults. Even where S_5 is sub-parallel to earlier fabrics, it is easily distinguished by its retrograde nature. Where \hat{S}_5 is the first foliation in fine grained chloritic wall rocks, it generally forms a "slaty cleavage", or it may be defined by flattened primary features (e.g. pillows). S_5 shear zones in mafic rocks are generally characterized by chloritic phyllonites, whereas in granitoids it is characterized by a finely spaced domainal cleavage.

Sixth generation structures (F₆) occur along the BCSZ in the southern extremity of the map area. In the southern Iskwasum Lake area, isoclinal F₆ folds overprint S₂ tectonites that were deflected into an eastflwest orientation during F₄ deformation. The folds vary in size from 1-10's m, and have a strong east-west axial plane crenulation cleavage (best developed in the chlorite rich layers). Ryan and Williams (submitted manuscript) interpreted F_6 folds as a discrete set of structures associated with the reactivation of the BCSZ by sinistral shear. In the southern First Cranberry Lake area, S- and Z- asymmetric F_6 folds occur in S_2 A variety of late deformational features comprise the seventh generation of structures (F7), developed under brittle-ductile and brittle conditions. The most prominent faults are displayed on the map. They are generally not well exposed, and are established predominantly from lineament analysis of aerial photographs. The Grass River fault (GRF) is a discrete brittle- ductile structure forming a prominent lineament from the west side of Elbow Lake, southward through the Grass River to Third Cranberry Lake, then southwestward along the western shore of the Second Cranberry Lake. It is a narrow (1-2 m wide) brecciated zone for most

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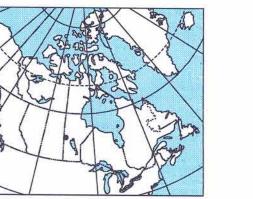
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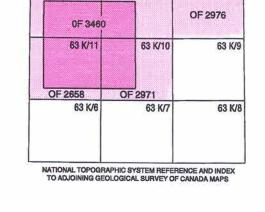
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