

## THE COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL GEOLOGISTS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1987

The Committee of Provincial Geologists was formed eleven years ago at the 33rd annual meeting of Provincial Mines Ministers in St. John's, Newfoundland. The Committee comprises the directors, or their equivalents, of the various provincial and territorial geological surveys, and meets twice a year, before the annual Mines Ministers' Conference and in association with the spring meeting of the Prospectors and Developers Association (PDA).

The Committee provides an excellent forum for the discussion of geological affairs between the provinces and territories, and maintains an effective liaison with industry on matters relating to mineral exploration and development. Liaison with the Geological Survey of Canada is accomplished through the National Geological Survey's Committee, and membership in the Geoscience Council of Canada provides an additional avenue for information exchange between the Committee and the geoscience community in Canada.

Committee members maintain close liaison with industry through their representation on the various Mineral Exploration Liaison Committees, which have been established in most provinces and territories, and through their involvement in the Prospectors and Developers Association Convention.

This year the Prospectors and Developers Association Convention featured a Provincial Day in which provincial geological surveys were invited to present papers reviewing the provincial exploration scene. Seven papers were selected for presentation at the "Provincial Activities" session. Titles and authors of these presentations are as follows:

- Meguma Gold in Nova Scotia: The Best Kept Secret in The Canadian Mining Industry — D.J. Kontak and P.K. Smith.
- The Early Proterozoic LaRonge Gold Belt, Saskatchewan — David J. Thomas and Thomas Sibbald.
- The Geology of Granite-Related Tin-Tungsten Deposits in the Burnthill Area of Central New Brunswick — H.E. McLellan, W.W. Gardiner and R.P. Taylor.
- Exploration Opportunities for Industrial Minerals in British Columbia — Where is the Lustre? — Gilbert McArthur and the Industrial Minerals Staff.
- Controls on Gold Mineralization in The Pickle Lake Region, Ontario — Gregg Stott.
- Gold and Associated Trace Elements in Lake Sediments: Their Application to Gold Exploration in Newfoundland — John W. McConnell and P.H. Davenport.
- Gold in the Schefferville Area of Quebec: a Case Study — Marc Belanger.

In addition, all provinces and territories, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, participated in the provincial poster session, which was held for the full three days (March 9-11) of the convention. This session provided the various provincial and territorial surveys with the opportunity to display the results of recent geoscientific work.

During March of this year, the Committee of Provincial Geologists released Volume Four of the Provincial Geologist Journal. The Journal, which is published annually, continues to provide up-to-date information on the operations and activities of the provincial and territorial surveys, and is becoming increasingly popular to the many client groups of the various surveys.

This year, the Committee presented a brief at the Mines Ministers' Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. The Committee recognizes the important role that Mineral Development Agree-

ments have played in this country in finding new mineral deposits, in developing new exploration techniques and technologies, and in discovering new uses for minerals and metals. The Committee recommended that "both levels of Government initiate action to ensure new MDAs are implemented at the conclusion of the current agreements so as to assist the mining industry locate, mine and produce minerals and metals at the lowest possible cost for expanding world markets and for expanding the related manufacturing sectors across Canada".

There have been a number of changes in the membership of the Committee of Provincial Geologists in the last year. Mr. Ivo Tyl (Alberta) and Dr. Jim Christopher (Sask.) have retired and Dr. J. Morin is on temporary leave from the Yukon Survey. The Committee recognizes the valuable contribution that these individuals have made to the Committee over the years and it wishes to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

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