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## MARGINAL NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

These maps are part of a multi-year program to upgrade the Precambrian geology maps of the central Uchi Subprovince.

Approximately 1500 km² were mapped in the Lake St. Joseph area focusing on bedrock exposures along the lakeshores. Inland areas, which are largely covered by overburden, are left blank due to major impediment to gold exploration. Extensive overburden in the area between Soules Bay and the Berremen Lake pluton and in the Pashkokogan Lake area, has imposed a constraint on the regional correlation of the stratigraphic assemblage.

This survey presents a revision of previously published maps. It provides a subdivision of the supracrustal rocks into four volcanic cycles and a number of felsic to mafic intrusive suites. Each cycle can be traced along the full length of the lake. The northernmost extent of a major detrital sheet zone along the southern margin of the belt has been defined. The granitic complex centred on Lake St. Joseph (formerly known as the Carling Granite) has been subdivided into several intrusive and supracrustal units. A summary is presented of the sequence of supracrustal and tectonic events.

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Lake St. Joseph area encompasses a large segment of greenstone belt from western Lake St. Joseph to Pashkokogan Lake, east of Highway 599, and also includes most of the Lake St. Joseph granitic complex. The area is underlain by the Lake St. Joseph greenstone terrain in the central Uchi Subprovince. The area is bordered to the south by a fault separating the study area from the English River Subprovince, which consists of metasedimentary and anatectic granites. Access to the eastern part of Lake St. Joseph and to Pashkokogan Lake can be obtained from Highway 599. Other parts of the area can also be reached by foot- or sea-equipped aircraft from Pickle Lake.

### PREVIOUS WORK

The most recent detailed mapping (1:31 680) was by Goodwin (1965) and Clifford (1969) in the eastern and western parts of the area, respectively. This was followed by a helicopter-supported reconnaissance survey in 1972 (Sage and Breaks 1982) covering the Cat Lake-Pickle Lake region and including the Lake St. Joseph area. Other regional reconnaissance surveys in the Lake St. Joseph – Sandy Narrows mapping route includes work by Bell (1887), Bruce (1923), and Dyer (1934).

### MINERAL EXPLORATION

Recorded mineral exploration is summarized by Goodwin (1965), Clifford (1969), Sage and Breaks (1982) and Kay and Stott (1985). Emphasis on exploration and development has focused in the past on gold deposits in the Pashkokogan Lake area, the Caron Lake, Doran Lake, and Eagle Island, Nesbenas tooling some 1.2 million tons, averaging 15% to 35% Fe were defined by Sariso Iron Mines Limited (Soules Bay), Little Long Lac Gold Mines (Pashkokogan Lake), and Lake St. Joseph Iron Incorporated (Eagle Island). These deposits are hosted by cherty iron formation. Base metal exploration of the belt has been sporadic and principally directed towards massive sulphide deposits. A summary of this and the above-mentioned work is given in Table 1 as an extract from this table, relatively little assessment data has been filed.

### GENERAL GEOLOGY

Figure 1 summarizes the major stratigraphic units and intrusive bodies in the Lake St. Joseph area. The stratigraphy of the westernmost part of the Lake St. Joseph belt has been subdivided, in part, according to the volcanic cycles established in the area by earlier work by Clifford (1969) and Berger (1981) in western Lake St. Joseph (Figure 2). Berger (1981) introduced formation names which have been adopted to apply to the first three volcanic cycles.

As shown in Figure 2, the three volcanic cycles forming the western Lake St. Joseph stratigraphy are folded about a major, east-plunging anticline that tapers eastward, away from the Berrien Blackstone batholith. The thickest portions of each cycle, and the most intense carbonatization, occur in the vicinity of this told hinge.

Each of the first three cycles comprises a bimodal suite of rocks (Clifford 1969). Cycle 1 is dominated by pillowed basaltic flows. The fourth cycle is also a bimodal assemblage but with a voluminous pyroclastic sequence that typically progresses upward from clastic to andesitic components. The extent of the upper pyroclastic member of the fourth cycle (here termed the Brodribb cycle), as defined by this survey, is shown in Figure 1. There appears, overall, to be a progressive increase in the volume of pyroclastic material upward in the Lake St. Joseph stratigraphy.

The oldest cycle (the Blackstone cycle) forms the western most margin of the Lake St. Joseph Greenstone belt adjacent to the Berrien-Blackstone batholith. This cycle is divided into a lower basaltic assemblage and an upper dacitic to rhyolitic assemblage. Individual flows in the lower part of the basaltic unit show progressive increase in the "spinifex" texture towards the top, a reflection of carbonatization in the pillowed units. However, towards through the basaltic stratigraphy and, in the vicinity of tectonic hinge line, there is an increase in the presence of very fine ash carbonate stringylites. This has produced an interbedded, pillowed, weathered surface which, along with locally abundant iron-formation-quartz veins, characterizes the hinge zone of this synclinorium.

The upper rhyolitic-rhyodacitic member of the Blackstone cycle comprises several pyroclastic units. Deposits typical of a depositional environment proximal to a volcanic vent have been observed. They occur in the hinge zone of the anticline, and locally on its southern limb. Such deposits include clast-supported, massive to crudely bedded, felsic tuff breccia with angular to subrounded clasts of massive subphyric rhyolite. Adjacent, typically carbonatized basaltic dikes transect the stratigraphy in the anticlinal hinge zone. In this zone the pyroclastic rocks are also pervasively iron carbonatized.

The next oldest Lake St. Joseph (WLSJ) cycle overlies the Blackstone cycle and is dominated by its felsic pyroclastic member. The underlying, comparatively thin (<0.8 km), basaltic member of the WLSJ cycle is intensely iron carbonatized. The comparatively pervasive white weathering of the basalts increases in intensity eastwards through the stratigraphy in the hinge zone of the anticline. In this vicinity there are also pods and veins of quartz ± tourmaline ± carbonate ± pyrite ± chalcopyrite ± gold ± galena ± sphalerite. The quartz forms "ladder" fracture fillings of the massive carbonate pods. The presence of basaltic dikes and local dolomite breccia dikes attest to the proximity of a volcanic vent to the same vicinity.

The uppermost member of a vent facies assemblage is found in the overlying rhyolitic member of the WLSJ cycle. The base of the rhyolitic member on the anticlinal hinge is marked by a massive quartz-feldspar phyric flow which progressively eastwards up-wind into a phreatic breccia of angular to subrounded clasts. Overlying this are a series of pyroclastic flow deposits. Clast size diminish along the limbs of the anticline. In Johnston Bay, the rhyolitic member of the WLSJ cycle is dominated by massive to schistic tuff and associated volcaniclastic sediments.

These first two volcanic cycles, west of Eagle Island, may have had a common vent system. The vent and proximal facies deposits are concentrated in the hinge zone of the large anticline which marks the position of the common outflow for the two cycles. Substantial erosion of at least the top of the WLSJ cycle is indicated by the presence of a basal conglomerate to the overlying tuffaceous rocks on the flanks of the anticline. Anticlinal tuff is dominant. Epiclastic sedimentary interayers occur locally with hyroclastic-rich ironstone beds.

The overlying Carling cycle lies east and north of Eagle Island. Available younging directions indicate that this volcanic assemblage faces eastward and outlines the same large anticline that folds the first two cycles. The Carling cycle is dominated by massive to pillowed basalt flows. The overlying rhyolitic to rhyodacitic pyroclastic rocks have been intruded by thick gabbroic sills. Locally rhyolitic tuff breccia underlying a thick tuffaceous sequence is found near the hinge of the anticline. Thinly bedded clastic metasediments overlie the pyroclastic member along the northern limb of the fold and appear to mark the top of the Carling cycle. As shown in Figure 2, a set of major transcurrent faults has offset the local stratigraphy along the northern limb of the anticline.

**TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT DATA (MAY 1985).**

| Area (by claim map and NTS) | Type of Work (see below for key) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3a | 3b | 4 | 5 |
| Greenbush Lake (52J/16NE) | 4<br>400 ft | gf, py | 4 | Li | peg | GDF 218 |
| Pashkokogan Lake (52J/16NW) | 20<br>4900 ft | py, cpy<br>po, gl, mag | 5 | 1 | - | GDF 217 |
| Doran Lake (52J/15NE) | 7<br>2911 ft | py, po<br>cpy, mag | 2 | - | - | work concentrated on Fe formation |
| Dawson Lake (52J/15NW) | 4<br>1362 ft | py, po<br>gf | 1 | - | - | |
| Trist Lake (52J/14NE) | 56<br>20 700 ft | py, po<br>cpy, au | 5 | Au | | Au showing reported by Noranda on island 17; work concentrated on Fe formation |
| Caron Lake (52O/01SE) | 11<br>2859 ft | py, po<br>cpy, gf | 5 | | | GDF 214 |
| Reach Lake (52O/01SW) | 81<br>36 438 ft | | 6 | | | GDF 213<br>work concentrated on Fe formation |
| Carling Island (52O/02SE) | 30<br>11 295 ft | | 4 | | | work concentrated on Fe formation |
| Pembina River (52O/03SW) | | | 1 | | | |
| Johnson Bay (52O/03SE) | 12<br>1604 ft | py, po<br>gl | 3 | 1 | - | |

Key:
1. Diamond Drilling: number of holes/total footage
2. Mineralization encountered in drill holes (py-pyrite, cpy-chalcopyrite, gl-graphite, po-pyrrhotite, mag-magnetite, au-gold).
3. Geophysical surveys (number of surveys performed): (a) ground geophysics, (b) airborne geophysics.
4. Trenching: number of trenches.
5. General comments and availability of GDIF (Geological Data Inventory Folios compiled by Resident Geologist's Office in Sioux Lookout).

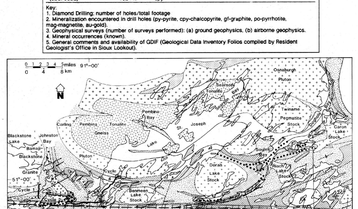



Figure 1. General geology of the Lake St. Joseph area.

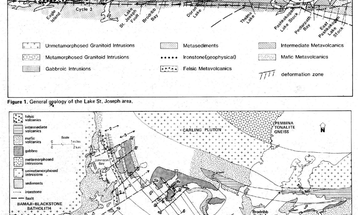



Figure 2. Stratigraphy and structure of western Lake St. Joseph.

The Brodribb cycle is the fourth and most extensive volcanic cycle identified in this survey. Poor bedrock exposures inland between Doran Lake and western Lake St. Joseph prevent clear recognition of the base of this cycle. However, the upper pyroclastic member of the Brodribb cycle has been traced eastward from north of western Lake St. Joseph to Soules Bay in the eastern part of the lake. A possible further extension of this sequence along the eastern margin of Doghole Bay is being evaluated.

The pyroclastic sequence of the Brodribb cycle is typified by an upward progression towards the north from clastic, lithic-rich tuff breccia to lapilli tuff and finally to crystal tuff. Interbedded with clastic to andesitic lapilli tuff, fine crystal-rich clastic deposits are to be found north and northeast of Soules Bay. Further east, the sequence is represented by a turbiditic sedimentary unit which displays characteristic progression northwards from clastic- to crystal-rich units. The overall northward change in the clastic component change in both thickness and clastic size is consistent with a major eruption from a compositionally zoned magma chamber.

The Brodribb cycle is overlain by basaltic rocks exposed along the southern margin of the Lake St. Joseph granitic complex. The basalt may be the base of a fifth volcanic cycle.

Major metasedimentary suites were originally mapped by Goodwin (1965) and Clifford (1969) in the eastern and western parts of the area, respectively. This was followed by a helicopter-supported reconnaissance survey in 1972 (Sage and Breaks 1982) covering the Cat Lake-Pickle Lake region and including the Lake St. Joseph area. Other regional reconnaissance surveys in the Lake St. Joseph – Sandy Narrows mapping route includes work by Bell (1887), Bruce (1923), and Dyer (1934).

Joseph stratigraphy is folded by a large, eastward-facing anticline. Another anticline exposes the Soules Bay metasediments which underlie the Brodribb volcanic cycle.

Large folds of the stratigraphy in the Pashkokogan Lake area are evident from the map pattern, but reliable younging directions in that area have not been clearly established.

Along the western shoreline of Pashkokogan Lake, the regional fold axes and bedding generally plunge steeply northwest down dip of the foliation. Bedding and foliation generally dip steeply throughout the belt.

The regional deformation and metamorphism was followed by the emplacement of the late granitic plutons. Near the Berrien-Blackstone batholith, the regional foliation and lineation in the supracrustal rocks are parallel to the contact of the batholith, within the contact strain aureole around this batholith.

This batholith appears to predate a regional deformation event that developed within the adjacent English River Subprovince and affected the southern margin of the greenstone belt. This event has resulted in subhorizontal shortening and dextral transcurrent shearing along a broad front in close proximity to the boundary between the two subprovinces. Evidence for this dextral shearing of rocks can be traced northward for 1.5 km into the greenstone belt from the Lake St. Joseph Fault that marks the subprovince boundary. Structural features show consistent evidence of dextral transcurrent shear. These include Z-folds, shear bands, and asymmetrical boudinage of quartz-carbonate veins, plus subhorizontal mineral lineations and associated westerly plunging crenulations. Local kink bands in these sheared metasediments are interpreted as a brittle product of this event.

This fault system has been observed from the sheared southern part of the Berrien-Blackstone batholith eastward to the southern margin of Pashkokogan Lake. A fault splaying off the main Lake St. Joseph Fault system cuts the north shore of Pashkokogan Lake where a sill-like gabbroic intrusion is emplaced.

Evidence in the western Lake St. Joseph area indicates that prior to the folding that resulted from a regional north-south compression, a stage of tectonic uplift occurred. The structural relationships in the vicinity of Eagle Island are critical to this interpretation. The available evidence of younging directions in the Eagle Island area, as well as in the Doghole Bay area, indicates that the Eagle Island metasedimentary suite formed a synclinal basin. However this basin lies unconformably upon an eastward facing volcanic pile. Subsequently, the thick volcanic cycles in the area, plus the Eagle Island metasediments, were deformed by a north-south compression. This accordingly resulted in overturning into an eastward-facing anticline and tightened and reinbbed the Eagle Island metasedimentary basin into a tight syncline.

The general setting of the western Lake St. Joseph area is comparable to the Gerstaltion area in that it contains folded ironstone units in a metasedimentary belt along the margins of a greenstone belt with a major transcurrent shear zone along the southern margin. The Lake St. Joseph Fault system, which is defined along the southern part of the lake, defines the southern edge of Eagle Island and much of the interbedded and Z-folded ironstone and clastic metasediments infills a major basin fold. The rocks in this shear zone have undergone two periods of deformation and metamorphism.

The overall tectonic history involves a general sequence of:

1. Regional deposition of the stratigraphy in western Lake St. Joseph.
2. Erosion of the volcanic pile to produce the Eagle Island metasedimentary basin and the unconformity at the base of the late eagle metasedimentary rocks.
3. Regional north-south compression that produced the major folds and the penetrative foliation. This event may be related to, or concomitant with, the emplacement of the tonalite of the Berrien-Blackstone batholith.
4. Emplacement of the granitoid plutons and stocks (Berrien-Blackstone batholith, Carling pluton, etc.).
5. Regional oblique compression along a northwest-southeast axis to produce a major dextral transcurrent shear zone along the southern margin of the greenstone belt and into the English River Subprovince. The emplacement of some granite stocks may be concomitant with or may postdate this event.

### METAMORPHISM

There is a pronounced change in metamorphic grade within the volcanic belt from amphibolite facies in the Pashkokogan-Eastern Lake St. Joseph area, to greenschist facies in the western Lake St. Joseph area. Mafic metavolcanics in the east are typically composed of hornblende-plagioclase and garnet-hornblende-plagioclase assemblages with local occurrences of staurolite-bearing assemblages including garnet-staurolite and staurolite-kyanite. These assemblages are typical of the low pressure Abukuma-type amphibolite facies metamorphism in the eastern half of the area.

In western Lake St. Joseph, mafic metavolcanics contain chlorite-actinolite-albite, and major parts of the volcanic pile are extensively carbonatized. North of the Lake St. Joseph Fault zone the metasediments are characterized by the assemblage muscovite-quartz-albite, and south of the fault the assemblage garnet-staurolite-sillimanite occurs at least locally in metasediments.

While greenschist facies metamorphism is dominant in western Lake St. Joseph, there is a notable upgrading of metamorphic grade in amphibolite facies near granitoid plutons. For example, near the Ramsi-Blackstone batholith and the large batholith south of the Lake St. Joseph Fault, within the English River Subprovince.

### ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

#### GOLD

With the exception of iron ore deposits, relatively few mineral occurrences have been discovered in the Lake St. Joseph area. Lake St. Joseph Greenstone Belt, however, has been the subject of mapping program an attempt was therefore made to assess the potential for gold mineralization with particular emphasis on gold. The eastern end of the belt was examined in reconnaissance fashion (Sage 1985) on the limited lakeshore exposures along Doghole Bay, Soules Bay, and Broomtin Bay (bedrock is poorly exposed in the Caron Lake area and in the Pashkokogan Lake general). The western end of the greenstone belt was examined by excellent lakeshore exposures and was studied in much greater detail. The nature and presence or absence of veining, alteration, and mineralization were documented throughout the belt and are discussed below.

#### Veining

For our purposes, the eastern portion of the Lake St. Joseph Greenstone belt is defined as extending from East Pashkokogan Lake to Broddrib Bay on Lake St. Joseph. This area is largely underlain by granitoid rocks. Within this area, the supracrustal rocks occur as small, variably deformed, xenoliths, or as screens to, foliation. Locally, minor tourmaline, and less commonly, visible gold mineralization is found in these veins, but grab samples rarely low Au values. (Unless otherwise stated, all assay samples discussed in this report were analyzed by fire assay and atomic absorption by the Geoscience Laboratories in the Ontario Geological Survey).

The predominant type of quartz vein found in earlier throughout this portion of the belt. The veins are very prominent within the metasediments in Soules Bay and the gabbroic intrusion northeast of Soules Bay.

Minor rusty-weathering, foliation-parallel, iron-carbonate stringers were seen within the mafic metavolcanics on the south-eastern shore of Pashkokogan Bay. These are generally narrow (<3 cm) and laterally discontinuous.

Veining throughout the western portion of the belt (west of Broddrib Bay) was noted in three distinct forms:

1) quartz ± tourmaline veins, subparallel with, or at a low angle to, foliation (Type 1).
2) massive iron-carbonate pods and veins, and narrower veinlets, generally parallel with foliation (Type 2), and
3) foliation-parallel, metamorphically differentiated quartz ± plagioclase veins (Type 3).

Each of these three vein types appears to occur in the absence of the other types. They characterize the following areas:

*Type 1*: These quartz ± tourmaline veins were noted in the mafic metavolcanics in Doghole Bay, in Soules Bay and in the gabbroic intrusion north of Eagle Island. South of Broddrib Bay the veins occur in a well defined regional set obliquely crosscutting the foliation.

*Type 2*: Iron-carbonate ± quartz pods, veins, and veinlets characterize the mafic metavolcanics east of the Ramsi-Blackstone batholith. The carbonate contains local ankerite or dolomite. The veins are commonly associated with Eagle Island.

*Type 3*: Metamorphically differentiated foliation-parallel quartz ± plagioclase veins are restricted to the shear zone along the Uchi-English River Subprovince boundary. These veins are observed within the intensely deformed metasediments north and south of the Lake St. Joseph Fault.

Of the three vein types, the most notable are massive iron-carbonate veins (Type 2) which occur in the mafic metavolcanics in the basalts of the western Lake St. Joseph volcanic cycle near the hinge zone of the large anticline that folds the stratigraphy in the western part of the belt. These hydrothermal deposits occur within highly carbonatized pillowed basalts. They are generally subparallel to the regional foliation and include pervasive replacement zones and fracture-filling vein/pod pods contain ladder veins and fine-grained stringer veinlets.

Carbonate-quartz veins are not entirely restricted to the hinge zone of the anticline. They are also observed in places along the north and south limbs of this fold.

#### Alteration

In general, there is a spatial association between the pervasive carbonatization of the metavolcanics in western Lake St. Joseph, which is interpreted to be a primary hydrothermal alteration, and the foliation-parallel carbonate veins. The latter are interpreted as be synkinetic hydrothermal deposits, perhaps a recirculation of material from the host rocks. These two hydrothermal events—one primary, the other related to the regional deformation—are accompanied by a pervasive sericitization of the metavolcanic rocks. There, a further cycling of hydrothermal fluids occurred within a ductile shear zone within the metasediments, these resulting foliation-parallel veins are typically composed of quartz ± carbonate ± feldspar with local tourmaline. There is little evidence of associated sulphides.

In other parts of the greenstone belt further east, there was little evidence of alteration of the metavolcanics.

#### Mineralization

As previously mentioned, few mineral occurrences of economic interest have been recorded in the Lake St. Joseph Greenstone Belt. Noranda Incorporated reports a chemical-sediment-hosted gold occurrence at the mouth of Johnston Bay, consisting of a sulphide occurrence at the mouth of Johnston Bay, consists the only active claim groups within the Lake St. Joseph area (see Figure 3).

The majority of the sulphide occurrences on the 1 inch to 4 mile compilation geology map (Sage and Breaks 1982) consist of numerous geophysical conductors that have been tested by drilling. Most of the sulphide occurrences are pyrite-bearing.

At the eastern end of the lake, few new mineral occurrences were noted during the course of the present survey. Two small, chert-hosted massive sulphide horizons were mapped, one on East Pashkokogan Lake and the other north of Pedrapath Bay, on Broomtin Bay. Grab samples from these showings yielded only strained minimal values. The East Pashkokogan occurrence, although not recorded in the assessment files, had been trenched in two locations over distances of 7 m and 6 m, respectively. Min-

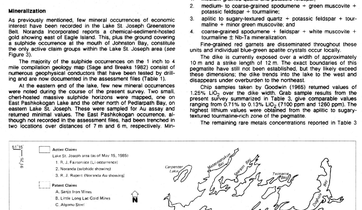



Figure 3. Location of both active and patented claims in the Lake St. Joseph area (May 1985).

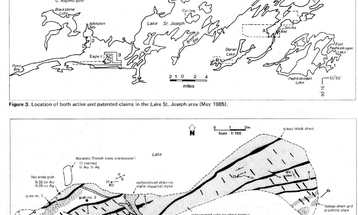
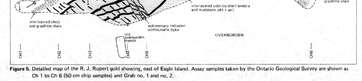



Figure 4. Detailed map of the R. J. Rubert gold showing, east of Eagle Island. Assay samples taken by the Ontario Geological Survey are shown as Oh 1 to Oh 8.50 cm chip samples) and Grab no. 1 and no. 2.



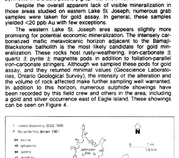




Figure 4. Mineral occurrences in the western Lake St. Joseph area.

The gold and silver occurrence east of Eagle Island was originally held by Noranda Incorporated in 1977. At that time, an assay was reported of 0.32 ounce per ton Au and 0.28 ounce per ton Ag from a 1.5 m chip sample taken from a quartz vein in the greenstone. The gold occurrence is currently staked by R.J. Rupert of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. It was mapped at a scale of 1:100 in order to determine the structural setting with respect to the subprovince boundary, and to document the nature of the host rock and mineralization. Results of this mapping are shown in Figure 4.

The outcrop consists of interbedded graphitic shale, sideritic beef breccia and massive chert horizons. The chert units are up to 3 m are black-weathering and aphanitic, are continuous over the length of the outcrop. The bands range in width from 1 m to 3 m and are locally offset by east-trending transcurrent faults. The chert breccia beds constitute a major portion of the outcrop. They are up to 2 m wide and are laminated on a scale of 1 to 3 m. The breccia clasts are angular to subrounded, are commonly flattened-shaped to subangular, and are commonly oriented subparallel to bedding. These fragments are set in a matrix of very fine-grained, rusty brown weathered, sideritic argillite or siltstone.

The sulphide-bearing unit at this showing appears to be a distinct phase of ironstone deposition within the chert breccia where it is lightly folded and appears to be discontinuous. The unit is 1 m to 2 m thick and is conformable. The shale is rusty brown to black-weathering, and aphanitic. It contains sulphides both as fine-grained disseminated crystals, and as fine (1 mm) laminations. Pyrite and pyrrhotite were the only sulphides noted. Noranda Incorporated reported arsenopyrite, but none was observed in the course of this study.

The gold showing does not appear to be structurally related to the dextral shear zone that forms a broad deformation band near the subprovince boundary. Instead, dominant S-folding of the metasediments, and a steep, easterly plunging, mineral lineation identify the rock fabric as characteristic of the southern limb of the major east-trending anticline, the hinge line of which passes through Eagle Island.

On the northwestern side of Eagle Island, Algoma Steel Corporation Limited has intersected interesting gold values in drill core through the lake of the ironstone, in association with pyrite (private company data, not on public file. D. Szekely, personal communication).

The remaining group of active claims is located on a subpeninsula on the north shore of Johnston Bay. Here, a number of variably rusty, pyritic units incorporated and are shown in Figure 3. The area covered consists primarily of intensely iron-carbonatized mafic metavolcanics. Massive, brick-red iron-carbonate pods up to 2 m across are a common feature in these metavolcanics. These pods are typically surrounded by a zone of pervasive, discontinuous quiz quartz + chlorite pods but no veining.

An intensely silicified and pyritized contact between pillowed metavolcanics and a dacitic pyroclastic unit was also noted within these claims. This contact is located on a small island southwest of Johnston Bay. For a 2.5 m-wide, massive, white to rusty weathering quartz vein. This vein parallels the contact between the two units and appears to have associated sulphide mineralization.

The remaining mineral occurrences shown on Figure 4 include those compiled from the assessment file data and new showings outlined by the present mapping program.

#### Recommendations for Exploration

Numerous assay samples for gold and other elements by the Geoscience Laboratories, Ontario Geological Survey, show very low gold values. Assay results of up to 230 ppb Au were obtained locally in Soules Bay. However, the most attractive area for gold exploration is in the hinge zone of the large anticline of western Lake St. Joseph. Here, the most attractive area for gold exploration is in the hinge zone of the large anticline of western Lake St. Joseph. Here, the most attractive area for gold exploration is on the southern margin of the belt.

The anticline has refolded a synclinal ironstone-rich sedimentary basin exposed on Eagle Island. Since the refolded synclinorium is concentrated close to the base of this sedimentary basin, it may form a suitable structural trap for hydrothermal fluids that were derived from the underlying volcanic pile and focused along the hinge zone of the anticline.

The transcurrent shear zone forms a broad deformation band along the Lake St. Joseph Fault system. This deformation band, near regional fold, it has refolded the ironstone beds in the large Z-shaped structures along the southern limb of the major anticline in western Lake St. Joseph. The shear zone has affected a wide range of rock types, including felsic to intermediate pyroclastics at the western end of Lake St. Joseph to the Pashkokogan Lake area.

This general sinistrograhic and isotonic setting exposed in the Lake St. Joseph area is comparable to that found in the Gerstaltion area, where a major transcurrent shear zone forms the boundary between the Wabigoon and Quetico Subprovinces.

#### PEGMATITES

Figure 6 shows the locations of pegmatite dikes examined and sampled during the present mapping program. With the exception of the known Li-bearing pegmatite on East Pashkokogan Lake, these dikes are previously undocumented occurrences. Two main areas of dike concentration were noted:

(i) East Pashkokogan Lake, and
(ii) eastern Lake St. Joseph, in particular Doghole Bay and northeast of Soules Bay.

These areas are discussed separately below.

#### East Pashkokogan Lake

The known Li-bearing pegmatite on East Pashkokogan Lake, shown on Figures 3 and 6, lies within the only active claim group in the eastern Lake St. Joseph Greenstone Belt. It is currently held by J. Lawrence of Kenora, Ontario. Placer Development optioned the pegmatite in 1980 and conducted a ground geophysical survey, a trenching program, and a drilling program (Clifford 1981). This work were inconclusive as far as determining the boundaries of the dike and little attempt appears to have been made to find similar pegmatite occurrences in the area. Our mapping, however, has revealed two previously unrecorded pegmatite dikes immediately to the south of the known pegmatite, as well as a third (Li) dike exposed approximately 10 m due north of the main showing. Trending subparallel to the main dike.

These additional dikes share the following features:

1. They are lenscidal, pinching and swelling along strike; widths range from 2 to 15 m, and exposed lengths range from 2 to 30 m.
2. They commonly occur as *en echelon* sets that trend east-west, subparallel to foliation.
3. They are pink-weathering and homogeneous.
4. They contain a common coarse-grained mineral assemblage of: (i) massive, coarse-grained, blocky potassic feldspar with interstitial glassy quartz and white-weathering plagioclase, medium-grained green muscovite, euhedral black tourmaline and fine-grained red garnet.
5. A pervasive tourmaline alteration halo is associated with the dikes; this manifests as tourmaline rims along the margins and tourmaline ± quartz-rich veinlets that crosscut foliation in the host metavolcanics.
6. The authors sampled dikes to determine rare metals concentrations and to assess the degree of fractionation. A summary of the sample results (analysis by Geoscience Laboratories, Ontario Geological Survey) is listed in Table 3 (samples 1018A and 1018C) and discussed under the Li-bearing pegmatite description.

The Li-bearing pegmatite differs from the above-mentioned dikes in that it contains coarse-grained, pink-weathering, interstitial albite, and it displays a crude mineralogical and textural zonation. The K-feldspar showing which was mapped in detail at a scale of 1:100, is shown in Figure 7. It consists of four asymmetrically distributed units consisting of:

1. medium-grained quartz and potassic feldspar;
2. medium- to coarse-grained spodumene + green muscovite + potassic feldspar + tourmaline;
3. aplitic to sugary-textured quartz + potassic feldspar + tourmaline + minor green muscovite; and
4. coarse-grained spodumene + feldspar + white muscovite + black tourmaline + red garnet.

Fine-grained red garnets are disseminated throughout three units and individual blue-green apatite crystals occur locally.

The dike is currently exposed over a width of approximately 10 m and a strike length of 12 m. The exact boundaries of this pegmatite have still not been established, but they likely exceed these dimensions; the dike trends into the lake to the west and disappears under overburden to the east.

Drilling carried out by Golden Rule (1980) returned values of 1.25% Li$_2$O over 3.0 m and 1.0% Li$_2$O over 2.0 m. Grab samples results from the present survey summarized in Table 3, give comparable values ranging from 0.71% to 0.13% Li$_2$O, (7100 ppm and 1260 ppm). The highest lithium value was obtained from the aplitic to sugary-textured tourmaline-rich zone of the pegmatite.

The remaining rare metals concentrations reported in Table 3 are generally equal to or greater than background values (also listed in Table 3) given for felsic intrusions in Ontario. The only exception is titanium, which occurs in uniformly low amounts throughout the dike. The Ta, Nb, Cs, and Be concentrations are also low. Subprovincial. Alternatively, the dikes may be part of a progressively fractionated suite derived from the Twiname pegmatite stock or the Caron Lake stock (Figure 1). This aspect is reviewed later.

#### Eastern Lake St. Joseph

Pegmatite dikes observed in the eastern Lake St. Joseph area are largely concentrated on Doghole Bay and northeast of Soules Bay (Figure 6). These dikes, like those seen on East Pashkokogan Lake, trend approximately east-west, subparallel to foliation. Mineralogically, they are similar to the East Pashkokogan suite (see Table 2) with the notable exception of the pervasive tourmaline alteration halo. The pegmatites are also significantly richer in mineral assemblages consist of potassic feldspar + quartz (both as graphic intergrowths and interstitial crystals) + plagioclase + muscovite (ranging in colour from grey to green) + garnet + tourmaline.

Local tourmaline alteration haloes associated with the East Pashkokogan pegmatites are also observed along the margins of the Lake St. Joseph dikes. Individual tourmaline crystals are seen disseminated throughout the host rock for widths of 1.5 m or more. Locally, tourmaline crystals are pervasively developed adjacent to tourmaline beds within interbedded sediments, and randomly distributed disseminated green muscovite booklets are noted replacing feldspar.

Texturally, the eastern Lake St. Joseph pegmatites differ from the East Pashkokogan dikes in that they contain the previously mentioned graphic quartz intergrowths in the potassic feldspar, and unusual radiating aggregates of finely intergrown quartz and muscovite. These quartz + muscovite intergrowths occur mainly in two forms:

1. as medium- to coarse-grained veins that crosscut the pegmatites as an apparently late alteration feature; and
2. as fine grained discrete "inclusions" up to 20 cm across.

Locally throughout the eastern portion of the belt (west of Broddrib Bay) was noted in three distinct forms:

1. quartz ± tourmaline veins, subparallel with, or at a low angle to, foliation (Type 1).
2. massive iron-carbonate pods and veins, and narrower veinlets, generally parallel with foliation (Type 2), and
3. foliation-parallel, metamorphically differentiated quartz ± plagioclase veins (Type 3).

Each of these three vein types appears to occur in the absence of the other types. They characterize the following areas:

*Type 1*: These quartz ± tourmaline veins were noted in the mafic metavolcanics in Doghole Bay, in Soules Bay and in the gabbroic intrusion north of Eagle Island. South of Broddrib Bay the veins occur in a well defined regional set obliquely crosscutting the foliation.

*Type 2*: Iron-carbonate ± quartz pods, veins, and veinlets characterize the mafic metavolcanics east of the Ramsi-Blackstone batholith. The carbonate contains local ankerite or dolomite. The veins are commonly associated with Eagle Island.

*Type 3*: Metamorphically differentiated foliation-parallel quartz ± plagioclase veins are restricted to the shear zone along the Uchi-English River Subprovince boundary. These veins are observed within the intensely deformed metasediments north and south of the Lake St. Joseph Fault.

Of the three vein types, the most notable are massive iron-carbonate veins (Type 2) which occur in the mafic metavolcanics in the basalts of the western Lake St. Joseph volcanic cycle near the hinge zone of the large anticline that folds the stratigraphy in the western part of the belt. These hydrothermal deposits occur within highly carbonatized pillowed basalts. They are generally subparallel to the regional foliation and include pervasive replacement zones and fracture-filling vein/pod pods contain ladder veins and fine-grained stringer veinlets.

Carbonate-quartz veins are not entirely restricted to the hinge zone of the anticline. They are also observed in places along the north and south limbs of this fold.

#### Alteration

In general, there is a spatial association between the pervasive carbonatization of the metavolcanics in western Lake St. Joseph, which is interpreted to be a primary hydrothermal alteration, and the foliation-parallel carbonate veins. The latter are interpreted as be synkinetic hydrothermal deposits, perhaps a recirculation of material from the host rocks. These two hydrothermal events—one primary, the other related to the regional deformation—are accompanied by a pervasive sericitization of the metavolcanic rocks. There, a further cycling of hydrothermal fluids occurred within a ductile shear zone within the metasediments, these resulting foliation-parallel veins are typically composed of quartz ± carbonate ± feldspar with local tourmaline. There is little evidence of associated sulphides.

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