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LAKE SUPERIOR DIVISION.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Ordinarily at least two pages of this book will be devoted to one section. On the left-hand page, place a map of as much of the section as has *actually been seen*. Denote rivers, lakes, marshes, etc., by the usual topographical signs. Denote the ledges of rock, when no structure is made out, by cross-hatching, making the cross-hatching cover as nearly as possible the areas occupied by the exposures. If the rock is a massive one, but still more or less plainly bedded, use the same sign with a dip arrow and number attached, showing the direction and amount of the dip. Denote a shaly or other very plainly bedded ledge by right parallel lines, and a ledge having a secondary structure by wavy parallel lines running in the direction of the strike, with dip arrow and number attached as before. The greatest care must be taken to avoid confusing slaty or schistose structure with bedding, and in all cases where there is the least doubt about the true bedding direction, indicate it by a query. To each exposure on the face of the map attach the number of the specimen representing it. In mapping the section count each of the spaces between the blue lines as 100 paces, and twenty of these spaces to one mile, or 2,000 paces. Usually the southeast corner will be placed at the bottom of the page, or at the first black line above the bottom of the page, and at the right-hand side. If, however, for any reason, it is desirable to show portions of an adjoining section, the southeast corner may be shifted up, or the map may be turned around and the north placed at the left-hand side of the page. The ruling of the left-hand pages is also arranged so that, if desirable, a larger or a smaller scale can be used, eight inches, two inches, one inch, or one-half inch to the mile. With the two-inch scale, the squares outlined in black represent sections, and those in red, quarter sections and "forties," while the space between the blue lines is 200 paces.

2. On the right-hand page place the notes descriptive of the exposures. Begin in each case with the number of the specimen, placing the number on the left-hand side of the red line, after which give in order on the right of the same red line the position of the ledges as reckoned in paces from the southeast corner of the section and the dip and strike when observable, the latter always being expressed from the north; for instance 4025, 250 N., 300 W., *Strike, N. 78° E., Dip 50° S.* Then follow with a full description of the ledge. When topographical maps are used for locations this paragraph applies only in part.

3. Collect a specimen from every ledge, or wherever there is a change of rock on any one ledge, taking care to get fresh material, unless for a special purpose the weathered surface is desired. In case of trips made on foot or in canoes, for long distances, neighboring ledges, unquestionably of one kind of rock, need not be specimened. The position and extent of the ledges not specimened should be marked on the map, with notes that each is of a rock identical with specimen so-and-so. Under the same conditions small-sized specimens, trimmed to a uniform size of $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ inches will be allowed, but in all other cases *large-sized specimens*, trimmed to a size of $3 \times 4 \times 1$ inches, must be selected, in accordance with section 3, chapter IV, p. 44, Regulations of the U. S. Geological Survey. Specimens should not be placed together without protection in the collecting bag, as the fresh surfaces, important in determining the character of rocks, are thus destroyed. They should be damaged by no temporary mark, but the numbers should be at once marked in at least two places upon the inclosing paper or cloth bags. Specimens may be permanently marked in camp by painting the numbers upon them in white upon a black background, using Silver White and Ivory Black oil tubes for color, with turpentine as a diluent.

4. On the last twenty-five pages of the book give, as may seem desirable, a general account of the examination of the region mapped in the previous pages, correlation of observations, sketches, cross sections, etc.

5. Forward this note book as soon as filled as registered mail matter to C. R. Van Hise, U. S. Geologist, Madison, Wis.

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Trip, Van Hise, North Shore
Lake Superior, 1895

North Shore of Lake Superior

Notes taken by Prof Van Hise
on a trip taken by him and
Oscar Rader in a row boat
from Two Harbors to Baptism
River - - - - -

July 22 - 23 + 24 1895

On the west side of Beaver Bay is a remarkable series of exposures of Basalt and Acid rocks. Of all the rocks here found the anorthosite is the oldest. It is occurs at one place as the westernmost rock exposure having a smooth surface which dips steeply toward the lake.

Besides this mass there are several other large masses running from about 20 to about 60 or 80 ft across. In addition to these there are innumerable small fragments varying in size from separate crystals of the anorthosite to those just described.

The anorthosite is intruded in the most complex fashion by an olivine-diabase. All of the smaller masses mentioned are plainly inclusions with pebble or boulder like forms included in the diabase. Several of the masses of considerable size are just certainly included within the diabase. The exposures are not sufficient to ascertain whether the larger fragments are thus included or not. In two cases no diabase was seen to pass under the anorthosite. But had the exposure extended farther it might be found to pass under the anorthosite. In of the two cases mentioned the diabase passes up over the anorthosite the same having a rounded dome like form that suggests a rounded form for the whole mass the same as the included boulders. In all the other cases the diabase was found to extend under the anorthosite to a greater or

less extent. In most cases it can be seen to pass under it farther than it does over it in the one case of doming.

Just south of Beaver Bay a large mass of anorthosite showing laminations has been in the same way to have the diabase pass under its rounded form.

Immediately east of the anorthosite and diabase is a long line of outcrops running parallel with the shore of the Bay, of a wholly different character. The oldest rock of this set of outcrops is a porphyritic and amygdaloidal-diabase or diabases for there may be more than diabase in this older division.

The diabase is cut by a complicated set of joints. The most prominent of these has a trend approximately with the line of exposures and are nearly vertical. Cutting across these joints are less prominent ones almost

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horizontal. Still another set of joints dipping toward the lake cut both sets. Whether joints cutting all of these and at right angles to the lake shore was not observed. That there is such a set of joints is probable from the fact that the rock breaks up into forms approaching right rectangular prisms. In places the joints are so close as to make the rock break into small angular masses. - it almost approaching a breccia. The joints are curved in places and differential movement between them has given "shear-sided" surfaces.

Cutting this diabase in a most intricate manner is a red acid rock or felsite. The dikes vary from mere seams to those several feet across. Instead of being of uniform width they vary in the most extraordinary manner. A dike may widen and narrow within short distances so as to be many times

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as wide in one place as the other
Not only so but the dikes may
vary from a mere film to a
rounded mass resembling
a boulder. These vary in size
from that of a pebble to a dozen
or 15 ft across. The boulder
like masses from 1 to 4 ft across
are very common. In many
cases these boulder like areas are
strung together by minute
dikes which may be compared
with a string of beads. The string
like dikes may be readily over-
looked and the little bosses or lac-
cettes be thought to be included in
the diabase. From the larger
laccetic bodies a number of
dikes may be seen to radiate.
These may branch regularly or
irregularly, a wider one fre-
quently passing from a narrower
one and vice-versa. Both
in the horizontal sections upon
the shore and the vertical sec-
tions at the water's edge dikes may
be seen to have a circular form

6.

entirely surrounding a mass of diabase. Cross sections at right angles to the shore show dikes with similar relations. So they occur in at least three sets of planes approximately at right angles to each other. The diabase and red rock immediately adjacent weather more readily than the circular or spherical included areas of diabase so that the center protrudes, in one case the water follows along the red rock zone and makes a little island of diabase. Occasionally the central masses of diabase are cut by dikes. In some places the surrounding dikes could be followed in more than one dimension, when it was seen to have a curved surface and it is believed that these areas are probably oval or spheroidal, being largely and perhaps entirely surrounded by the felsite. It appears as though the diabase has developed a complicated set of joints and

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perhaps a spheroidal parting before the intrusion of the red rock. Since this material permeates the diabase directly in proportion to its jointing, - where the diabase is most broken, there is most of the red rock found. It may be argued that the intrusion of the red rock is the cause of the fracturing. The former is believed however to be far more probable.

The first diabase and the red rock in places has been included by another fine grained dense black diabase, in places this material has so permeated the other rocks as to make them almost resemble conglomerate.

Innumerable rounded inclusions of a felsite and diabase being included in a sparse matrix of the including rock. In magnitude the inclusions vary from minute specks to masses several feet in diameter. This is especially true of the red rock

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for large fragments of the first
idea base were not clearly
separated or discriminated. In
one place at least one of the rounded
inclusions of the felsite was seen
to vary from a porphyry in the
center to a completely crystalline
rock at its sides.

South of the above set of exposures
is another exposure of quartz por-
phyry which is cut by diabase. In
the diabase dyke is a large inclusion
which varies from a porphyry
in the center to a wholly crys-
talline rock upon its border, takes
the quartz porphyry about two feet
from the dyke begins to change
its character and grades into
a fine crystalline rock adjacent
to the diabase. It is believed that
the most probable explanation
of these facts is that the diabase
intruded the acid rock before it
crystallized and thus allowed the
borders of the inclusions and
the larger mass more time
before solidifying and thus
allowed complete crystallization.

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Still farther to the south is a
felsite breccia. This and the por-
phyry above named are probably
surface material. The material
for which was furnished by the
plexus of dikes cutting the diabase.
The more crystalline character
of the dike material as compared
with that of the felsite and por-
phyry would be explained by
its being an intrusive instead
of an extrusive rock. Also it
is possible that the first amyg-
doidal diabase was not cooled
when intruded by the red rock.

The general succession of rocks
for Beaver Bay as worked out by
Auker was confirmed. At the
river section conjoined with
the coast section just described
and on the coast just south
of Beaver Bay combined with
Beaver Point the same suc-
cession was observed as follows:—
1. Anorthosite 2. Coarse oli-
vine-diabase whether there are
two diabases the finer being extru-

sine and the coarser intrusive it was not determined. A relation looking this way on the coast two or three miles north east of Beaver Bay suggests this possibility. 3.

Amphiboloidal and porphyritic diabase or diorites 4. (Orthoclase)? Gabbro which both in the stream and on the coast just west of Beaver Point undoubtedly intrudes the olivine diabase and at the river certainly cuts the amphiboloidal diabase. 5 Red rock which occurs in the form of boulders on the point, as felsite in the flows and as porphyry and breccia in the effusive rocks. No reason was seen for believing that the red rock was of more than one age. Its difference in crystallization appearing to depend upon quantity, whether intrusive or extrusive and whether or not cut by diabase. 6. Fine-grained diabase observed to intrude the amphiboloidal diabase and all forms of red-rock.

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Coast between Beaver Bay
and the Palesades July 23, 1890

Paucake Island. — On this island is the largest mass of anorthosite observed anywhere from Beaver Bay to the Palesades. This is a low dome rising at the highest point perhaps 150 feet above the water and having its greatest length parallel to the shore. It is fully $\frac{1}{8}$ of a mile long and almost $\frac{1}{3}$ as broad as long. It is large composed of anorthosite. However this is cut in the most intricate manner by coarse grained olivine diabase (Gabbro) in all respects like that at the falls of Beaver River and on the coast between Beaver Bay and the Palesades. The dikes vary in width from a dozen and even 20 ft to those only a few inches wide. From the larger dikes smaller ones frequently branch. The contacts between the diabase and anorthosite are in most cases

perfectly sharp. In two places the dikes were seen to completely encircle an ortho syte which appeared to be like huge inclusions within the diabase. These great masses in their forms are identical with those observed at Beaver Bay and which are probably encircled in the same manner, thus explaining the dome like forms which are sketched by Lawson which he however takes to have an entirely different meaning. For the most part the orthosyite is without any other structure than the laminated arrangement of its crystalline particles with which a zoning may correspond. This point was not determined at various places. However the anorthosyite is intruded in a very complicated fashion when it flanks on an irregular structure due to the intrusions. At one of the places where the diabase surrounds the anorthosyite tranches are seen to break off

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from the diabase through the
anorthosite in a parallel
direction thus giving the rock
a banded appearance. This
banding strikes and dips.

An almost identical
banding at a locality farther
south on the east side of the
island strikes and dips.

This is at a place also
where there are numerous dia-
base dikes. But the connection
between the anorthosite and
the intrusion of the diabases
was not so clear. It is there-
fore clear that the strike of the band-
ing at these places is almost
at right angles and consequent-
ly have no relation to bedding.
However this structure is identi-
tical with that observed on the
south side of Beaver point
which was taken as evidence of
bedding by Lawson. Here also
the old world diabase presumably
intruding the anorthosite is
also adjacent. At a number

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of places between Beaver Bay and the Palisades considerable masses of anorthosite were seen which were intruded in the same way by the olivine diabase as on Pluckake Island. Many of these masses as well as Pluckake Island itself have dome like forms which however are plainly due for the most part to glacial action as shown by the grooving. These dome like forms may be further emphasized by the fact that many of the masses of anorthosite are great roundish inclusions in the coarse olivine diabase and as this material wears away more readily the "turtle-back" form develops. From the facts observed there can be no question that the anorthosite is the oldest rock in the vicinity and that it is intruded in the most complex manner by the olivine diabase. Possibly some of the largest masses

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as that at Pauaka Island may be in situ. But there is not the slightest evidence that the anorthosite is a formation which has suffered a surface erosion before the intrusion of the olivine diabase. The supposed pre Keweenaw domes and hummocky surface through which the Keweenaw beds were intruded and over which they flowed is an undoubted illusion caused by the peculiar manner of the intrusion of the diabase resulting in the great rounded blocks in it combined with ice erosion.

The fine grained black diabase was found to dip on the coast as figured by Irving. Between this were chert beds and lower down is the olivine diabase. Whether there is an actual transition between the phases was not worked out.

At another place farther on toward the Palisades a fine rock appears to vary suddenly into the coarser rock. There appeared however a peculiar junction. Thin-like and rounded masses of the coarser appeared in the finer rock. Whether this is an intrusion of the coarser into the finer or a segregation phenomenon was not decided. The regularly dipping basic flows mapped by Irving on the last mile before the little bay on which is an indian cabin were observed. Here the olivine diabase coarse and fine and the basic flows were all seen to be cut by the red rock just as at Beaver Bay. At the bay near the cabin and at points before reaching it - exactly by the same intricate intrusions of red rock into the diabases was observed as that described at Beaver Bay. From here to the Baptism river only very general observations were taken.

Beaver Bay Mine
Observations of O'Rohr

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July 23 1895

The oldest rock in the Beaver Bay area is the anorthosite.

Its occurrences have been carefully mapped and plotted in the foregoing notes and plate. The striking feature observed more particularly this time is the great number of places in which the diabase can be proven to surround the anorthosite and the many large exposures in which it may be seen to distinctly pass under the anorthosite.

The following is a description of the individual detailed exposures of the anorthosite.

South of the Shingle Beach in Beaver Point the largest mass is more or less broken up. The whole mass is mapped to scale in the notes taken last season. The one part is rounded top while the other shows banding of lighter and darker material. The most

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prominent dark band is about two feet thick and trends in strike dip. The dark color is said by Dr. Hanson to be due to impregnation by pyroxenic material. The highest part of the exposure is about 30 ft high and the top slopes lakeward at an angle of about 30° to the horizontal.

West of this exposure is olivine diabase of medium grain which on its surface shows several exposures of anorthosite one about 40 feet in diameter flat on surface and rounded in outline. No red rock is here seen to cut the anorthosite. The large banded mass seen on the north west side clearly to be seen to be rounded at its base and the diabase can be seen to pass under the anorthosite for a distance of four feet. This has been photographed. To the south of the ridge of orthoclase gabbro are two large masses

as shown in the sketch of the face. The one to the southward is cubical in outline with its corners and edges truncated, while the other large mass is irregular in outline. These masses are without a possible question included in the seabed (gabbro). The same of somewhat coarser phase as that northward near the beach.

North of Beaver Point and close to it as mapped is a mass of anorthosite which is perfectly rounded and domed. The sides at the water's edge are vertical but it can be seen under water to be strongly undulating and most plainly a rounded mass whose base is rounded and inversely domed.

It is plainly an inclusion though in what material can not here be determined. To the west of this are exposed a few fragments from 5 to 10 feet in diameter. The large mass is about 20 by 30 feet and projects about 15 ft. 7

The river section shows another cycle at the lower falls and it found the upper falls several masses one 15 to 18 feet across are clearly included while a few others appearing in the surface of the river bed can not be proven to be inclusive owing to the fact that only their upper surfaces are exposed however for that same reason they can not be proven to be anything else and their appearance speaks most strongly in favor of their being included masses. Small brecciated fragments are not found here as along the north shore of the bay. The enclosing rock here is the very coarse cleavaged gabbro which continues up the river for several miles.

Going north from the mouth of the river along the shore of the bay the first exposure of another cycle and immediately at the mouth of the river is dense very white

very white and fresh rock and is here included in diabase commingled with a brecciated red rock. Here the anorthosite is much cut and veined by the red rock and is clearly included in the latter.

Going north beyond the point of quartz porphyry marked 19 in plot of last year notes to pt 18 of same plot we find the whole point made up of a coarse very dark green much altered phase of the anorthosite which shows three sets of prominent joints nearly at right angles to one another and cutting the rock into blocks from two to three feet on an edge. The anorthosite is here cut by a medium grained diabase which is so much altered that its original nature can not be determined. The flat surface in front of this point is made up of the last named diabase holding inclusions of more or less fresh anorthosite which vary in size.

from a few inches to several feet

At the exposure next north as shown on the map the anorthosite occupies the greater part of the little bay let. The masses here vary in size. Many measure from 5 to 10 feet in diameter

several 25 to 30 and 90 feet across while it stands 15 feet out of water. The top is flat.

One of the small exposures 30 ft long is the one photographed by Dr. Lauson to show "domed structure of anorthosite passing under Keweenaw lavas". But he ignores the fact that the large mass which is not more than 100 ft away from this is rounded and cut away at the water edge and underlain by diabase showing beyond a doubt that the diabase passes under as well as over the anorthosite. All of these exposures have been photographed. The mass photographed by Dr. Lauson projects only 60 ft

feet above water. The wall behind it is made up of huge masses of aurothosite enclosed in a matrix of diabase. Some of these masses are as much as 15 feet across and all are rounded and clearly inclusive. Between the two large masses above noted one in the diabase wall is 40 feet wide at the top and cuts under so that it is not more than 15 ft wide at the water's edge. The mass just north of the very large one is about 12 ft thick by 15 high and is under cut on one side just as it is overlain on the other by diabase. This has been photographed to show this relation. The rear of this Bay lit as has been said is made up of massive medium to coarse grained diabase (gabro) set with the large masses of aurothosite. The North and South walls show nearest the aurothosite a layer from 10-40 ft thick of a breccia of aurothosite frag

ments in size varying from single crystals to masses two ft in diam etc; set in a matrix of diabase similar to that in the rear wall but considerably finer in grain.

The very large mass abovementioned is flanked to the south by a dike one foot thick of a red felsitic rock which cuts the aurothosyite to some extent in small irregular dikes and stringers.

Passing northward to the next baylet we find in the bottom or deepest part of the same a low flat lakeward dipping exposure of aurothosyite about 80 ft long by 30 ft broad dipping about 25° from the horizontal and topped by diabase on both sides are masses of aurothosyite of all sizes clearly inclusive in the diabase forming the sides of the baylet and forming then a brecciated blanket or zone over the larger masses as before noted for the exposures farther south.

The next one northward has

of the next cove north ward. Here the largest masses are not more than 16 or 8 feet across while small fragments are very plentiful in the matrix of debris. This exposure of agglomerate is 40 ft across and about 80 ft high.

Immediately beyond a very short joint there is an exposure of an ortho syte of a width of 100 ft. A horizontal parting is here, but well developed in the anorthosyte and the same is much impregnated with diabase. Our mass about 15 ft across is still solid. The whole has more the appearance of a single mass thoroughly impregnated, than of a collection of smaller fragments.

Again at the very end of this line of outcrops we find masses of anorthosite 30 ft across and smaller surrounded by diabase.

These masses are low and well rounded. But the rounding is due by recent glaciation rather than for kennebawun erosion

as shown by the ice striations which are beautifully fresh upon its surface. Some of these are half an inch deep.

Immediately west of the end of the beach, at the top of the hill is a mass of anorthosite about 50 ft long and 30 ft high which shows like the side of a ravine and line is undercut to a distance of six feet and exposes the bottom of the rounded mass in a horizontal position. Looking at the top of this mass one might conclude that it was the rounded top of a small knob of anorthosite rock here protruding through the diabase. But the mistake of such a supposition becomes apparent at once upon going into the ravine and here most clearly denotes the inclusion nature of the anorthosite.

This completes the description of the anorthosite in media lity about Beaver Bay except a few isolated patches on top of the hill.

It will be noted in the foregoing description that the only rock associated with the aureole syte is olivine diabase or as Irving called it gabbro. This diabase (gabbro) is found in very massive exposures just south west of the neck of Beaver Point near the limit of the map prepared from last summers notes. Secms just east of the neck on the south side of the point. Here it occurs in typical form, very coarse in graine and cut by other sets of joints very nearly at right angles to each other. The blocks sometimes are 10 - 15 and even twenty feet on an edge. Peculiar red spots are here developed by weathering. Due I think to the iron oxide resulting from the decomposition of the augites. Beyond the on the base-gabbro. dike this diabase becomes finer and finer and near the great acid boss of the point it corresponds to Irvings olivine-diabase. While the dike breaks

the continuity of the exposure. It is highly probable that this was once continuous and here seems to give a gradation in the same mass from the most coarsely crystalline phase of Inings Olivine-gabbro to the fine grained phos or Inings Olivinitic-diabase. On the south side of the exposure near the beach at the neck is a depression in the gabbro filled by breccia, evidently a fault plane or at least a plane of some differential movement. This plane dips about 10° from the vertical toward the south east and the up throw as shown by the lamination or bedding of the breccia was in the eastward part.

Third- We find this diabase in the bottom of Beaver River beginning at the wagon bridge and forming the bottom or bed of the river to the foot of the first falls. This is interrupted in many places by a fine-grained

rock diabasic in nature which
seams and cuts the coarser rock
in dike-like fashion. At the foot
of the first falls and from here
to the foot of the second falls the
diabase carries aurore syti as
above described and from here
on the diabase is continuous to the
edge of the area described. Near
the north west corner of the area
and near the west line of sec 12
on the north bank of Beaver River
was found a small core of the
aurore syti in a knot of the dia-
base.

Just above the second
falls of Beaver River a dike of red
rock three inches thick cuts the
diabase. Beyond the turn in
the stream above the second
falls a similar dike about six
inches thick was observed.

While this diabase (gabbro) appears
rather coarse and massive along
the north west shore of the bay
it more commonly is fine grained
and corresponds to Pumphelly's
and Irving's olivinitic diabase.

Wherever such is the case the contact between it and the "mix up" of diabase and red rock to be described later can not be made out.

The fine grained diabases.

Fine grained diabases corresponding to Swings ashbed diabase, apod diabase-porphyrity, as well as ordinary-diabase types occur here in many places.

Along the north west shore of the bay several fine grained diabases appear in so confused and inter-mingled a mass that it is almost impossible to describe it. Specimens taken from these rocks last season and examined with the microscope showed that there are all phases of ashbed diabase diabase-porphyrity ordinary-diabase and olivinitic-diabase. In places a small area of diabase will be homogeneous throughout and far from intrusions of red rock while in other places the most intricate and confusing intermingling exists.

Rounded boulder like forms of one diabase will be surrounded by streaks and twisted bands of another diabase appearing like a diabase breccia exposed in a matrix of diabase. Then again a sharp contact of excessively fine grained diabase with medium to coarse can be seen, and again excessively fine diabase will be seen to cut very irregularly in small detritals like the more massive portions of the rock. One very fine grained pinkish weathering diabase always seems to contain amygdulites elongated and arranged in bead-like strings. In several places and always where the amygdulites are smallest this rock occurs broken up into small patches $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 ins across and the interspaces are filled with a banded twisted light green weathering diabase. For convenience I have called this "curly" diabase. This may be a cooling phenomenon ^{may be due} due to ~~partial~~ ^{partial} flowage with partial cooling.

or it may be due to an impreg-
nation of one rock by another.
Amygduloids occur very frequently
but always in such irregularly
shaped masses that they fail to
indicate either their origin or
their relation to the other rocks.

At other places patches of solid
rock will be homogeneous though
out and free from impregna-
tion. One such area measures
about 40 feet across and has a
circular outline. Whenever these
rocks are at all homogeneous
they always show a very perfect
splitting or jointing nearly ver-
tical and trending nearly
parallel to the general direction
of the shore of the bay. This is
especially true of the large masses
above mentioned, of the projecting
points of the northern part of
the shore line of the small island
to the north east of Beaver Point
and of the diabases south west
of the small beach on the south
side of the point. Indeed this

parting has been observed some-
what developed every where that
fine grained rocks occur, to some
extent even when the diabases
are most cut and intruded by
red rock. A second nearly horizontal
jointing is observed and a third
vertical and at right angles to
the first. The last is the most
in definite of the three while
the first is most strongly marked

The diabases along the north
west shore as described are cut
by red rock using this term for
a class of very different rocks

At first sight the diabase seems
to hold innumerable inclusions
of red rock and be cut by the
same red rock at the same time

Careful observation discloses the
fact that almost all bolder
like masses are connected by
small dikelets or veins with
the larger dikes or with other masses

Indeed masses could hardly be
found which could not be seen

to be somewhere connected with a dikelet or vein. of a similar rock. This intrusive red rock occurs in veins and fine seams to dikes six inches thick, often one foot and in several cases even two to three and even four feet thick. The small boulderlike masses are usually from a few inches to two feet through while larger masses are quite common which attain a thickness of ten and even more feet.

The smaller masses always appear at least on the surface to be holocrystalline and very coarse grained. Many are surrounded by a crust or zone of more or less greenish material assuming to be diabase which was fused and partially mixed with the red rock. The larger masses generally show a porphyritic structure similar to that of the small point of quartz porphyry near the mouth of the river and to the porphyry of the island in the northern part of the bay.

The greatest variety exists in the structure of the red rock. Every phase from a typical quartz porphyry to a typical felsite and to a completely holocrystalline rock is observed. This coarsely crystalline rock varies by more and more admixture of diabase until its color is almost that of the diabase yet in all of these phases it retains the coarsely crystalline structure.

Toward the southern end of the shore of the bay where this "mix-up" and boss-like impregnation of red rock is most complete the outcrop is low - not more than ten feet high and presents much the same appearance throughout but whenever a vertical section can be found there appears a sort of banding. Rocks of the same kind appear arranged in thin layers curving toward the water. This would seem to indicate that the original rock at this place was laid down in

Scale 1 ft to 1 mi

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