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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 $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ 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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Vermilion

Iron Range

Eastern Portion

Summer of 1898

W. S. Bayley
Near J. Weller, Camp Arrow

No 4.

The interbedding of the graywacke and the greenstone types adds another difficulty to the problem of separating the formations in this part of the country. These observations make it appear that the sedimentary and the igneous rocks belong to the same formation, and yet we find further East the Sasagayaga granite cutting the greenstones and yielding pebbles to the sediments.

The my explanation of the phenomenon appears like this. Among the greenstones are graywackes. Above these is the Ogishke Conglomerate and above the conglomerate is the Knap Lake series of sediments. And yet this explanation doesn't quite satisfy. The S.E. shore of Crab Lake is surrounded by graywackes, some of which contain Jasper pebbles which must have come from the green schist formations.

The final explanation that will explain all the facts must be based on the assumption that the supposed

gneissites are in the sedimentary formation (the only indication that this may be so, being found among the tuffs and conglomerates of the Kalkabig lake) is that they are not greenish tuffs at all. The microscope will probably settle this last point.

If gneissite-tuffs are in the sedimentary formation, then can find no means of separating the Knepp lake series from the Tower and Ely rocks.

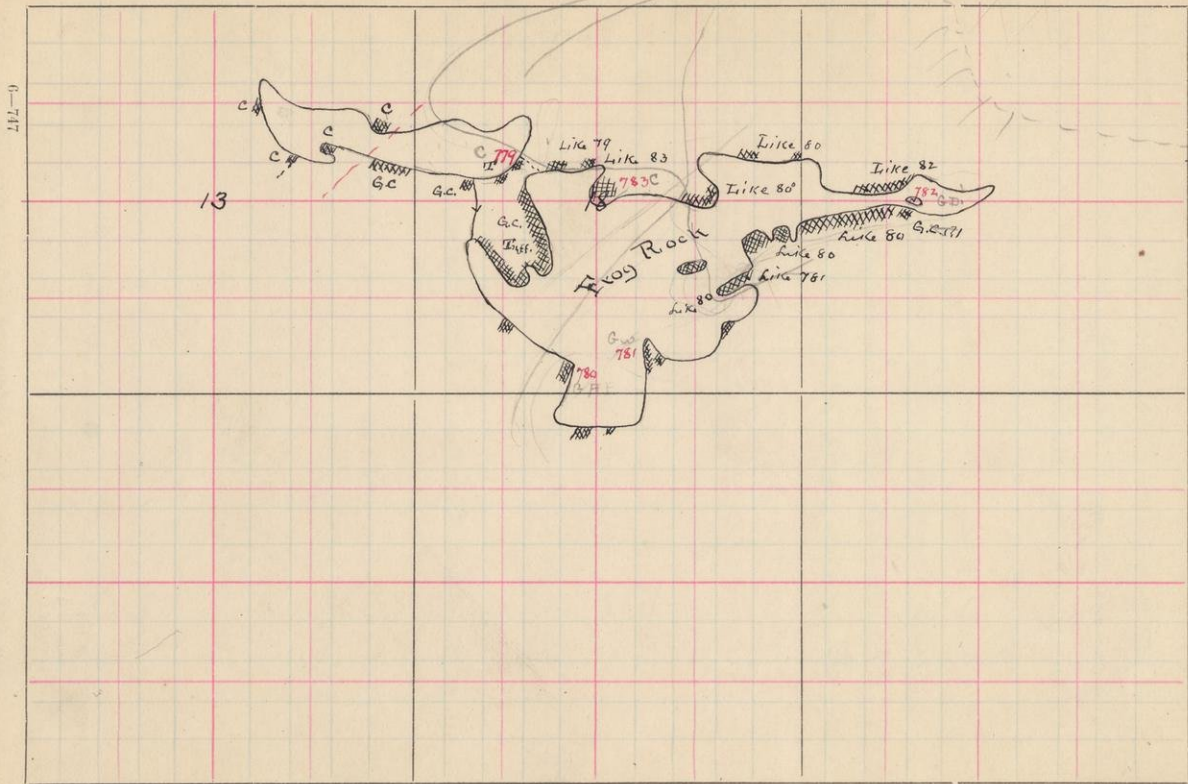
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29474

On the South side of the SW Bay of Crab Lake is a ledge of sedimentary conglomerate containing granite pebbles, and the same rock again appears in the point west of the U.E. Bay.

Ind
29478

Between these two exposures are numerous ledges of graywacke and shale. Near the U.E. point these beds are contorted. They comprise numerous small folds pitching N 10° E at angles of 45° and dipping E at about 40°. The strikes and dips of the axes are not uniform but all these examined piece in the same direction.

R. 5



The other ledges on the north side of lake east of the conglomerate are of gray wacke, beautifully exposed.

Town Line Lake.

Just visited Town Line and Frog Rock lakes.

Greenstone conglomerates of the usual kind are found on south shore of Town Line lake and a gneiss, regged weathering greenstone, probably a tuff on the east shore.

29779

From S. side postage trail into Frog Rock Lake. This is believed to be a greenstone tuff.

The west end of Town Line lake a few ledges of conglomerate containing granite pebbles and a few Jasper pebbles are met with.

Frog Rock Lake

The west end of Frog Rock Lake like the eastern part of Town Line lake is bordered by greenstone conglomerates and tuff.

The point immediately north of the

H.A.P.

(V.S.)

29780

when meander comes of the South line
felsic is a greenstone that weathers
so much other than elsewhere. It is also
more massive than the tuff and
more like an eruptive. On fresh frac-
ture it looks tuffaceous, and I see
no reason for separating it from
the more schistose tuff to the west. The
greenstone further east, however,
weathers like tuff.

H.W.

29781

On the point opposite the last men-
tioned the rock is much jointed
and porous. It is dotted with little
holes irregularly scattered through it,
as is often the case with tuff. On
fresh fracture it is a chocolate green
stone.

Rocks not unlike the those con-
taining east to east and of lake, main-
taining throughout a nearly uni-
form character.

H.S.

29782

from the little island in the eastern
arm of the lake is the most easterly
greenstone examined. It may be a
lava, but more probably is a mas-
sive tuff. There are no structural lines

in it, nor is it sharply marked off
from the surrounding gneisses
as would be the case were it a dyke.

The rocks along the north shore are
similar in every respect to those
on the south shore.

29783 is a schistose light green hornblende
country rock 18

29784 after 29771 Book No. 31V

Sept 5.

Moved to Tabernichigamast

Report 6

Lake Gabauchigamaw

The south-east shore of Lake Gabauchigamaw is composed of gabbro, the north and north-west shores of graywacke and other sedimentary rocks, continuous with those of Agamuk and Fox lakes, and with the slates and graywackes in the passage trail between Fox and Ogishko lakes.

The aspect of these rocks is certainly different from that of the Kenise Lake series. There are no cliffs surrounding the lake except in the area of the gabbro and there are no sharp and rugged hills. The high hills north of the lake are rounded and often smooth topped.

Winchell regards the rocks as Antrimite.

Began at little point at W. N. post sec 32 and crossed north around lake to O.W. corner.

On the north side of the first point in question is a massive mediumly coarse, quartzite-like rock that may be a quartz-gabbro or some similar

29793

Muscovite

SW
29494
unexposed
Contact rock. The gabbro lies just
South of it on opposite side of point.
At the next point North is a fine grain
ed quartzite rock that also looks like
a contact but which may be a sedi-
ment

SW
29495
From little island in N.E. arm of
lake. This rock like all others in
vicinity appears to be a fragmental
sediment. It is cut by siliceous veins
that weather in ridges in exposed
surfaces. These surfaces are also
pitted with holes so that weathered
surfaces are extremely rough. In
this respect the rock differs from the
graywackes of the Kink Lake series.
About a half mile further S.W. the
rock is bedded with a strike N. 35° W
and a dip 85° S.W.

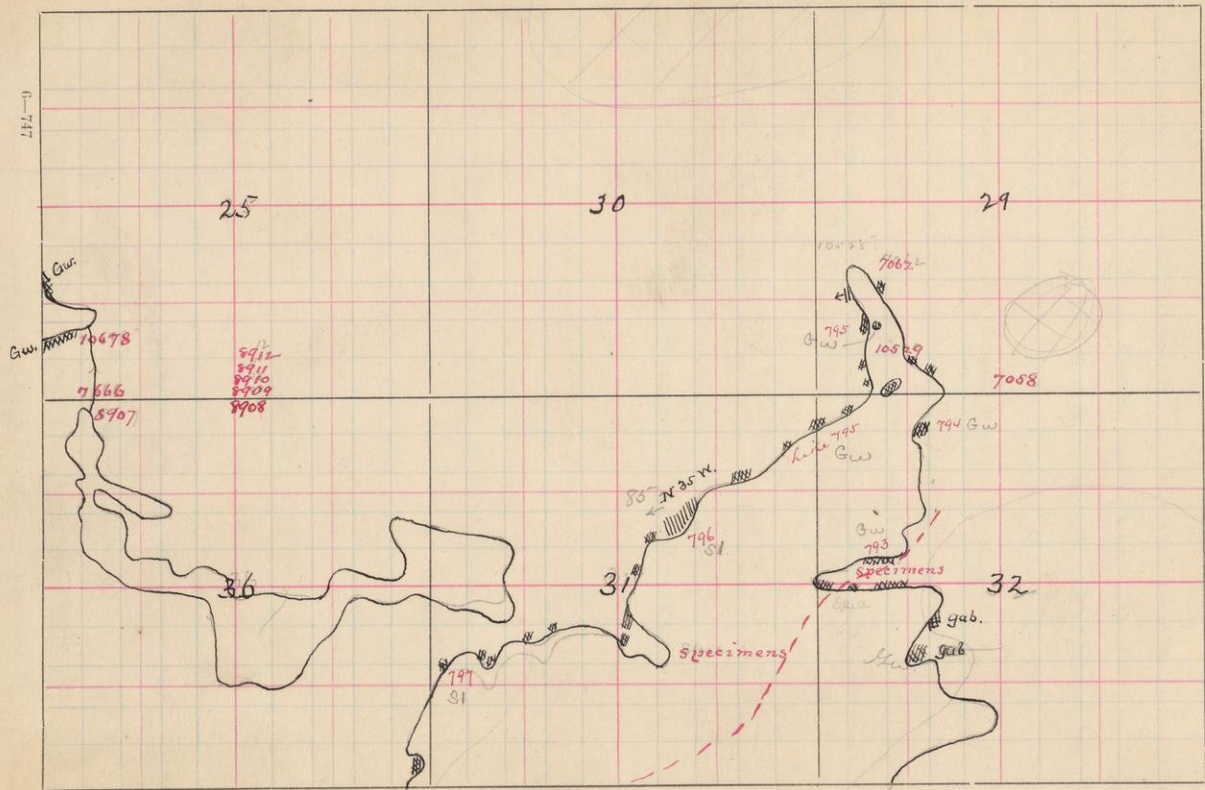
SE
29496
Same rock from near W. 1/2 line Sec
31.

SE
29497
S. 1/4
Solent
29498
Same rock from NW side western
bay. Here the rock is much jointed
into polygonal blocks, and is traversed
by segregations of granite veins. It is
probably not far from the gabbro.

S.

T. 65

R. 5, 6



801

29799

Sobolev

Same as 29798 but near the contact with the gabbro it has assumed considerable lamination.

Bob.

29800

Is this like the Lumbec's graywacke on the South side of Kawistaw mine?

On the North side of extreme S.W. bay of Lake find quartz-gabbro like the usual phase of the quartz-gabbro contact rock. It shows a banding but this is not confirmed with strike of the sediments.

The other rocks in this bay are gabbro. Did not specimen the gabbro on the South side of the lake as this has been done quite thoroughly by Merriam. Returned by air from which started, and on South side took specimen of a micaceous gabbro.

Hob.?

29801

Returned by air from which started, and on South side took specimen of a micaceous gabbro.

As many of Merriam's numbers as could read from plat are inserted on map. Some of them could not read because they are so badly blundered. There will suffice to number the South shore of Lake who carefully mapped.

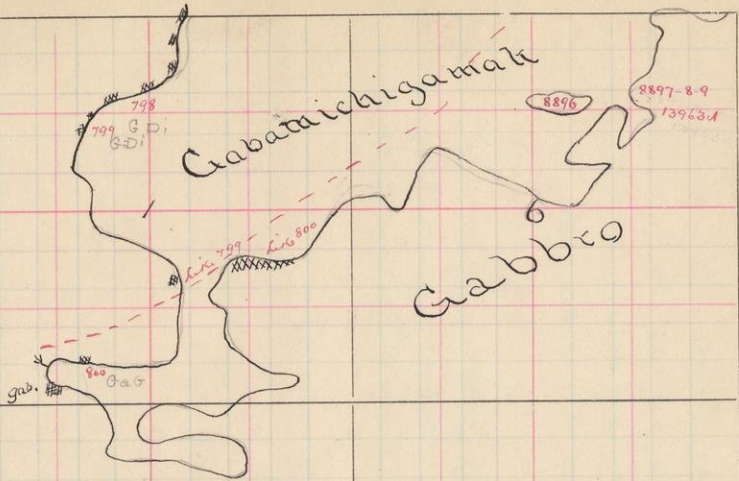
peculiar
 mica gabbro!
 study done by
 better light!

contact
 plane.
 acid from
 of sed.!

S.

T. 64

R. 5. 6



Sept 8.

Made a trip East to Peter Lake and north between Peter and Little Lake with in search of gabbro contact. Found nothing but gabbro, so am quite sure the contact is with granite lake.

Hard rain during most of time we were out. Prevented us making a more thorough study.

Lab.?
29802

is a fine grained, yellow gabbro.

Probably the phase known by Winchell as muscovado, from west end of Little Lake in Dec 32 and 33

Location of specimens on map, next page.

Along both north and south shores of Peter Lake the gabbro is beautifully developed in sheer cliffs.

No Animikie was seen here though its presence is indicated in Winchell's map.

11.
Sept 9 & 10

From Peter Lake went to Fay Lake in Sec 25 T. 65 N. R. 5 W. forenoon. Water course not accurately enough mapped to be recognizable.

Examined country along route in order to lay out work for party but did not collect specimens.

From Fay Lake ran north on $\frac{1}{4}$ line Sec 25 to lake in Sec 25 and returned on range line. The course of travel was interfered with a great deal by unplanted lakes.

For instance there is a large lake only 200 paces N of Fay Lake that is not mapped at all, while there is a large lake mapped in northern part of Sec 25 that could not find. It may be west of the $\frac{1}{4}$ line.

The lake is bordered on the north by a bluff of diabase about 100 ft high. This is a rock that is quite fresh and otherwise is like the Animikie Diabase; but am not sure that it is not one of the greenstone series. At any rate have taken specimens for comparison with undoubted Animikie.

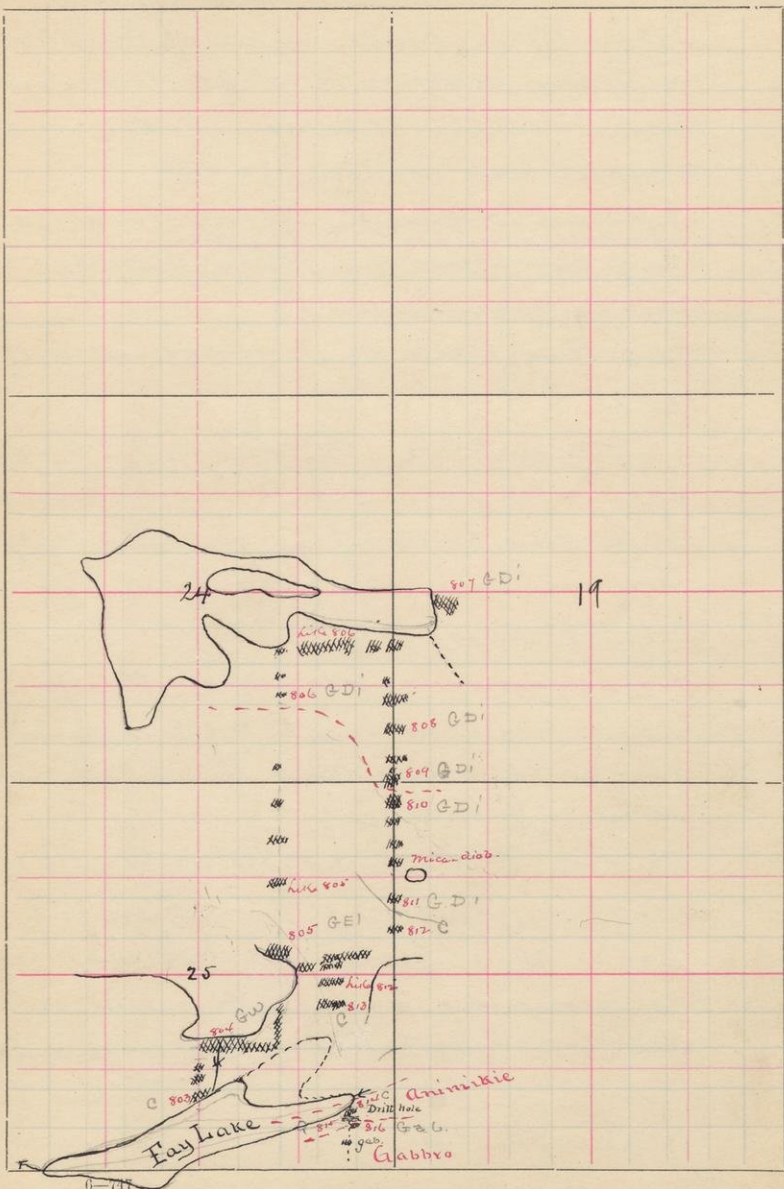
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29803

Muscovado

52.

T. 75

R. 5



Several other ledges of the same rock were observed in the next 300 paces, where unexpectedly met with a lake not in fact.

29805

Muscovado

The South shore of the Northern lake is bordered by bluffs of fine grained, massive micaceous rock that looks like a micaceous Diabase.

Went around this lake to the East, over same rock and saw North in line too W. of E. section line.

29805

29805

In the North side of the lake is a very high hill of Diabase, with steep slope South and gradual slope North. The rock in it is a fine grained Diabase that is obscurely spheroidal.

Location 600 W. 1100 N. of S. E. Cor Sec 25.

Other Diabase ledges occur at intervals of 200 paces all the way to the lake in the center of Sec 25.

29806

29806

The Southern part of Sec 24 is crossed by a great drift hill at the bottom of which are small North-facing bluffs of a coarser Diabase or gneiss. When struck lake in Sec 25 saw on opposite side bluffs of rock exactly like

B. M.

29807

That caused in run.

At East end of this lake is a prominent hill of practically bare rock, which when examined was found to be a decomposed Diabase, slightly ochraceous in places. It differs from the Diabases near Fay Lake in being greener and less fresh.

B. M.

29808

On run south caused same rocks.

At 200 ft. S.E. Cor Sec 24. Showing green-stone

B. M.

29809

At 50 ft. S.E. Cor Sec 24. Diabase, like Fay Lake rocks. This particular ledge is bluish

The belt furnished us from Madison Wisconsin line separating the green-ochraceous from the Diabases is drawn South of 29806 and 29809. This is indicated by broken red line in map.

It is true that there seems to be a difference in topography north and south of this line. North of the hills are rough, rugged and hummocky with steep slopes on all sides. South of the line the ridges run East and West; sharp slopes are to the south

and long gentle ones both north & south. Some over the diabase, at any rate, in the western of the two runs, appear at intervals separated by areas in which no exposures occur.

In spite of this difference am persuaded that the entire area traversed in this run is underlain by rocks belonging to the green-schist series. The fresher diabases may be younger than the main mass of the green-schists; indeed they may be a mixture. If so however, they are probably intruding and not interleaved flows. Search was made for sediments at foot of each cliff and in intervals between outcroppings of diabase, but none were found.

J. D.
29810 Near O.E. Cr Dec 24. Fine grained Diabase.

J. D.
29811 1400 N JSE Cr Dec 25. Medium grained Diabase.

For this distance south the exposures are so numerous as to constitute practically a solid ledge.

C

29812

Muncovado

At 1320 ft of the same corner is a ledge of what might possibly be a sedimentary rock. It is the only rock in the entire run that might be sedimentary.

When reached lake in Dec 25 J. 65 ft

R. 5 W and Dec 30 J. 65 ft. R. 4 W went west 400 paces, then south 200 paces, over diabase.

C

29813

Muncovado

At 800 ft. 400 W of E Cor Dec 25 is a hill of fine grained rather "muncovado"-like rock that may be either a decomposed diabase or a gabbro.

C

29814

Muncovado

In afternoon ran south from the end of Tay Lake to contact of gabbro. Started at Drice Lake at East end of lake.

This Drice Lake was just down through quartzite to top. Any run that might underlie.

A little the west of the Drice Lake is a ditch running south over the hill that borders the lake. In this are exposed red headed quartzites and migmatites.

M. Q

Am.

29815

Further south on hill beyond the end

S.

T. 65

R. 5

Jay Lake
Drill hole
814
Anorthite
316 Gab
316 Gab
Gabbro
gab

Sketch map of run south from E end Jay Lake
Scale — = 50 paces

of the rock the same quartzites and
magnetites continuing for about 50 steps
from lake. The bedding of the two, prob-
ably indicating bedding, strikes nearly
E-W and dips vertically.

Bob. A few paces south of these exposures
29816 is a ledge of magnetitic gabbro and
100 paces further south a ledge of
gabbro.

In spite of vertical dip these rocks
between the lake and the gabbro are
unquestionably Aiminik.

Sept 11.

Am. ore

29817

Examined rocks around Paulson's Nickel mine, situated a few hundred paces N. of the Little Lake in S. 1/2 Sec 21, 65-4

The ore mined appears to be a magnetite impregnated with nickeliferous chalcopyrite and with niccolite or some other nickel-sulphide.

Am.

29818

The magnetite is interbedded with quartzite and is impregnated with a yellowish green granular mineral that may be aluminous.

In both sides of the mine are hills of gneiss, quartzite and magnetite striking about E-W and dipping 15° to 30° in East hill and 70° S in West hill. The rocks are contorted in many places and otherwise show evidence of close folding unknown to the Antrim rocks further East.

In many places the Little fault pierces a little S of E.

Hob.

29819

South of the magnetite-quartzite series is a knob of siliceous gabbro which forms a high hill to the west. It is about 50 paces wide.

To the south in a cut in the R. R.

very thick still!

sol

29820

Sill

the rock is coarse and fresh. It is black and apparently contains but little feldspar, except as phenocrysts. On the weathered surface it is seen that in places the plagioclase has separated out, ^{usually} as large phenocrysts, bluish-gray when fresh and white when weathered. Occasionally the crystals are small but generally they are quite large, sometimes measuring as much as 4 in. in diameter. On

sol

29821

Sill

fresh fractures they do not show. In other places patches of the feldspar have separated out in irregular masses, consisting exclusively or almost ex-

sol

29822

Sill

clusively of bluish gray plagioclase. In the interior of the patches the feldspar is in coarse grains. Surrounding this coarse granular portion are zones of finer plagioclase, and around these are zones of fine grained gabbro. At the distance of a foot or more from the contact the gabbro has its normal characteristics.

South of the gabbro, in the railroad track, interbedded quartzites and magnolites.

again occur dipping south, followed by siliceous gabbro further south and the usual gabbro south of this.

It looks as though the quartzite were crystallized by the gabbro and in part impregnated with its material; that some of the gabbro substance was pressed in between quartzite beds as they thin seams of angles, and that the magnetite is a peripheral form of the gabbro that has likewise penetrated the sediments. While the quartzite was strained from the gabbro and remained as seams between the quartzite, the olivine penetrated the sediment and produced a quartz-olivine aggregate.

On the west and south-west sides of lakes the gabbro is well exposed in numbers of ledges. Near the railroad it is bedded with a southerly dip, but south of the lake it is quite massive and it presents its usual character.

Walked west on railroad track to the
old iron mine at Akley Lake but
could see very little. The shaft is
boarded up and the drifts described
by Chauvenet are overgrown with
herbs.

29824 North of the railroad track a large
concreted? high hill overtops the lake. It is
composed of a fresh block of Diabase.
Immediately south of the mine is
an equally high ridge of quartzites
dipping about 45° S.

Was not able to do more here on
account of lack of time. My object
in looking over the district was
to get an idea of the character of
the Akley Lake series and of the
Annisite in this region.

Sept 12"

Made another run over the Anti-
mike starting at the County bridge
across the Cross River, on the road
from Grand Marais (?)

Think the bridge must be in the
center of Sec 26. Searched a long
while for corrections, but the coun-
ty is burned over clean so could
find none.

Specimens will have been located
from Topographical maps, it is
be necessary to locate them at
all.

On
sl.
29823
meta. an. in the railroad about 100 paces N.
of the bridge is a ledge well exposing
quartzites and green slates dipping
about 12° S.

On
sl.
29825
meta. an. In places the slates are ferruginized
so that the series consists of magne-
tized slate and normal slate (29823)
about 250-300 paces S. of track here
if siliceous gneiss could be easily seen.

In next run no rocks were counted
until had nearly reached top of hill
went faster down about 500 ft of

sol.

29826

Sol

sol?

29827

sol (Schroger's)

all. sl

29828

Met. all.

traces. Here we find the contact between a coarse grained hornblende Diabase and a fine grained black rock that also appears to be crystalline.

At this contact is an inch-wide band of ferruginous material. Continued over hills sloping gradually both south and steep to the north in step-like form, similar to the form of the section across the Saw-tooth Mountains.

The valleys between the ridges are probably in sedimentary rocks, as sediments are found at the bottom of the north facing cliffs. The tops of the hills are composed of diabase. All the rocks dip south at from 15° to 20° .

At 825-900 ft of bridge crossed valley and mounted another hill whose crest are found likewise composed of diabase. This Diabase encloses fragments of large irregular masses of white feldspar scattered through it. Some of these masses are rounded and some are angular. Many of them

look exactly like fragments. The larger ones have the typical Diabase texture in that between the grains of feldspar is a slight mesostasis of dark material.

The smaller areas are more or less radial in structure.

It may be that the deep-seated gabbro collected near Paulsen's mine and in which white feldspar masses are present is also a Diabase rather than a gabbro.

sol,

29828A

still

(dup.)

29829

still

weathered white inclusion in Diabase

Fresh white inclusion in Diabase.

Did not have time to make mine through examination of district. Spent the balance of the day in wandering over the hills in the section. The country will be gone over systematically by Dr. Clements and his team.

Points to be studied more carefully.

1st. Dec. 26. J.

South of Ogishke Mammee Lake.
Every ledge should be planned to discover, if possible, whether or not the N.W. striking rocks are unconformable upon the N.E. striking Kuyf Lake series.

2nd Decs 34 and 35. J. 65 R. 5.

Search for western end of Animikie
leaves south of Fay Lake.

3rd Detailed examination of D. E. 1/2
Dec 29. J. 65 R. 6 and E 1/2 Dec 32 of
same township, to determine whether
or not the conglomerates in Jeta
Lake extend to Kekakabig.

4th Search for Sasaganaga granite
cutting Ogishke conglomerate in S.W.
portion of Sasaganaga granite area
cf. U.S. Grant: Amer. Geologist X.
p. 8.

Also at N.W. corner of Sasaganaga
Lake for same phenomena.

cf. Lawson: Amer. Geologist. VII. p. 624

5th. Examination of Wonder Island in
S. E. arm of Saginaw Bay for
conglomerate in granite?

cf. Alex Winchell: Geol. & Nat. Hist.

Survey & Min. 16th Ann. Rep. p. 217-218

Wonder Island is in Canada in what
would be the center of Sec 3 & T. 64 R. 4
if U.S. lines were extended

6th Boundary between green schists
and Knife Lake series. This boundary
lies west of Nevada Lake, but just
where I have no idea. The microscope
will decide very clearly where the line
should be drawn.

7th It may be that the greenstone
conglomerates are phases of the
Ogishke Congl. I now believe that
many of them are. Some are un-
questionable interbedded with the
typical Ogishke as in trail between
Crag and Ogishke lakes.

N.B. Since writing 4th paragraph
have learned from Grant that the Sasa-
ganawaga granite does not cut the
Ogishke, but that latter is younger

S.

T.

R.

than former. This accords with our
determinations.

Sept 13. 14-15.

On return to Ely followed boundary
as far as west end Otter Track Lake.
From this point went through Big
Rock, Emerald and Camp lakes in
Canada to Birch Lake, all the way
through gray waxes etc like those
in Otter Track. Had no time to exam-
ine closely as were com-
pelled to reach Ely at a given time
in order to avoid loss of two days
in waiting for trains.

It looks to me now very much as though the geology of the Eastern part of the Vermilion district may be exactly analogous to that of Marquette.

1. The oldest rocks are the greenstone schists - cut by the Sasagumaga granite, representing Archean. In these are the ones. Though it is possible that the iron bodies that are worked here may be upon these.
2. Following this series is the series of slates, gray waxes etc. Underlain by the Ogishke and the Kekakabig conglomerate - and cut by the Kekakabig and Snowbank, and probably by the Basswood granite?
3. Upon these rocks unconformably is the Anishnig, which I doubt of Ogishke Lake and East as far as Fox Lake is high tilted, but which East of this lake is more gently tilted.
4. The white porphyry Detritus is probably older than the Ogishke series.

The detailed structure of the district cannot be worked out merely from

Section made } Wind and Moose
Lake Schist?

