

PLACER DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

MEMORANDUM:

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RE: ANARCHIST GROUP

Figure 1, which is a detail from the 1:2,000,000 scale Tectonic Assemblage Map of the Canadian Cordillera, shows that the Mississippian to Triassic Thompson Assemblage (PTT) of south central British Columbia is restricted in outcrop area, and that it occurs in a large number of descrete areas of outcrop. The assemblage, where found, overlies Archean to Palaeozic "gneiss" (GNS) and it is overlain both by Upper Triassic to Lower Jurrasic volcanic strata belonging to the Nicola - Takla Greup (TJT) and by appreciably younger volcanic strata belonging to the Cretaceous to Tertiary Ootsa Lake-Kamloops Group (KTO).

The Thompson Assemblage has been intruded by a wide variety of younger, batholithic, igneous intrusions including bodies of Middle to Late Jurassic grano-diorite (MJG), Early to Middle Cretaceous quartz monzonite (EKq) and Late Cretaceous to Early Tertiary diorite and gabbro (TKd).

The Thompson Assemblage in South Central British Columbia is mainly found within the Omenica Crystalline Belt at the south end of the Shuswap Metamorphic Cemplex. The unit is clearly deformed and the strata has suffered both regional and contact metamorphism. The Thompson assemblage in Figure 1 is defined as consisting of "acidic to intermediate volcaniclastics, chert, argillite, limestone, local basalt and acid volcanics; marine." In reality it is a composite of many volcanic and sedimentary formations defined by early mapping in individual pendants or descrete areas of outcrop.

The Thompson Assemblage has, in recent years, been subdivided into structural and tectonic terranes (Monger, 1977; Monger and Price, 1979 and Peatfield, 1979). The Paleozoic rocks which outcrop to the west of the Okanagan River (Old Tom Formation, Shoemaker Formation, etc.) are considered to represent remnants of obducted oceanic crust. In contrast; the Anarchist Group and the Mount Roberts Formation to the east of the River are thought to be part of a remnant of a subduction related island arc complex (Figure 2). The relations between the two units have been obscured by an intense period of deformation and orogenesis which occurred in the early Triassic, prior to the development of the Nicola volcanic arc. Faulting during the Triasaic and more recently has caused tectonic inter-mixlng of the two unito. Bodies of serpentinite are common in the faults within this zone of mixing.

The Anarchist Group appears to be a typical "island arc" complex consisting of calc-alkaline andesite and dacite "greenstones" and a significant amount of marine sediment (argillite, limestone, sandstone, greywacke and tuff). The arc has not been well differentiated but the Anarchist Group in N.T.S. Area 82E is probably relatively proximal and the Mount Roberts Formation is probably relatively distal to the main axis of volcanism.

The mineral potential of the Anarchist Group strata is two fold: (1) large irregular replacement bodies containing chalcepyrite, pyrite and magnetite skarn appear to have been formed by thermal metamorphism of Anarchist Group limestone adjacent to plugs of Cretaceous granodiorite (e.g.: Phoenix Copper) and (2) Stratabound gold-bearing "massive sulphide" deposits are located en or near the interface between volcanic unite and calcarecus basinal argillite horizons (e.g, Sylvester K). The former have been mined out and the latter are currently in the process of evaluation. Figure 3, from the George Cross Newsletter, May 10th, 1983, shows the location of twelve stratabound mineral occurrences located to data in the Greenwood area which may be of this type. A thirteenth occurrence at Crystal Creek near Beaverdell, is held by Probe Exploration and Development Ltd.

The size, grade and overall potential of this type of deposit is, as yet, unknown. It is, however, clear that the Anarchist Group hosts stratabound "massive sulphide" mineralization and that the sulphide commonly contains significant amounts of Au and Ag.

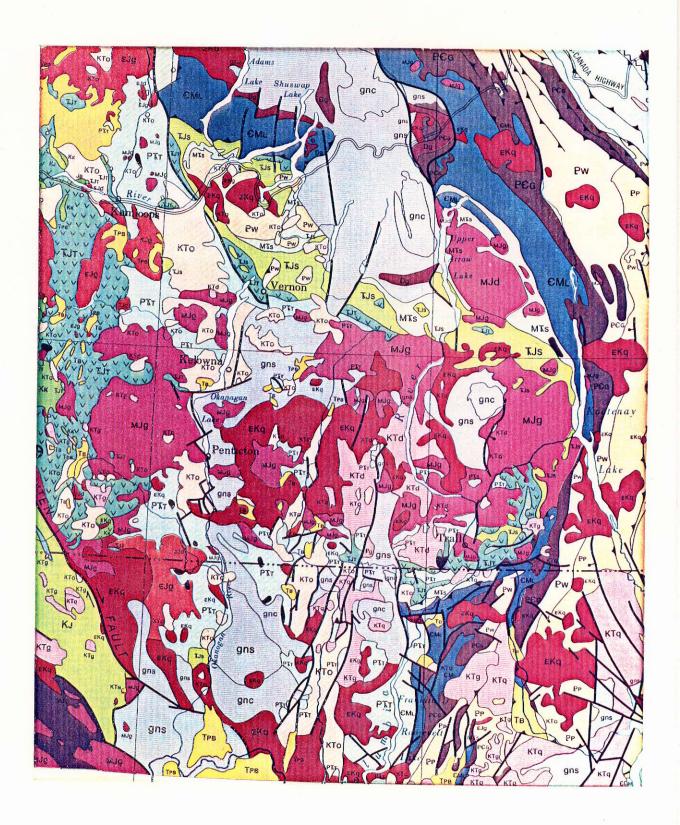
I would suggest that the area of outcrop defined by the Anachist group would make a logical target for a grasa roots exploration programme.

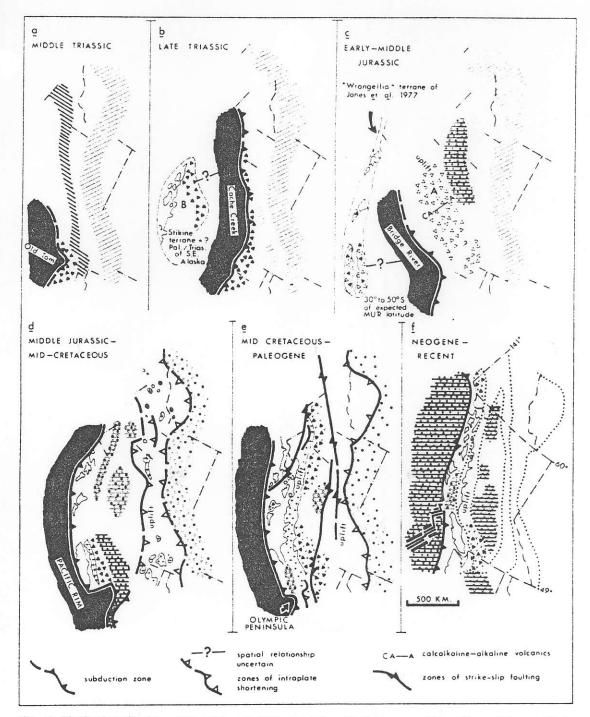
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Ftg. 10. Distribution of tectonostratigraphic assemblages on schematic, but conservative, palinspastic bases. Displacements built into maps have been reported, unless indicated by (?), in which cases the magnitude is unknown, but likely to be large.

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OROGENIC CLASTIC BASIN DEPOSITS: subdivided on (1) nature of underlying basement, namely continental crust (a), transitional ('eugeosynclinal') crust (b), and oceanic crust (c), and (2) nature of clasts, namely volcanic (X) into tectonic uplift implied, and granitic and/or sedimentary and/or metamorphic volcanic (Y) (implies tectonic uplift). Inferred depositional sites include foreland basins, successor basins, arc-related basins and clastic deposits on oceanic crust marginal to the orogen.











GRANITIC INTRUSIONS: commonly related to volcanic arcs



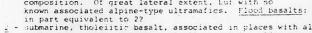
VOLCANOGENIC TERFANES: subdivided on composition of volcanics: superimposed ',',' indicate subserial deposition

Assemblages with variable

Assemblages with variable volcanic composition: submarine to submarine, commonly calcalkaline, locally alkaline, basaltic to rhyolitic flows, abundant pyroclastics and associated sedimentary rocks, generally associated commandic intrusions that are commonly granitic but range from intrusive alkaline ultramafic to syenite. Different patterns indicate different assemblages in the same time-interval. Inferred to be volcanic arc deposits

Assemblages with basic volcanics







1 - submarine to subacrial tholeiitic to alkaline basalt, stratigraphically overlying older terranes of varied composition. Of great lateral extent, but with no known associated alpine-type ultramafics. Flood basalts:
in part equivalent to 2?
- submarine, tholeiitic basalt, associated in places with alpine-type ultramafics and sedimentary rocks, stratigraphically overlying older terranes of variable composition. Inferred to be marginal basin deposits; may contain some rocks of 3, 1
- submarine, tholeiitic and locally alkaline basalt, associated with alpine-type ultramafics, radiolarian chert and other sediments; base where exposed in tectonic contact with underlying rocks; commonly a distinctive style of deformation and metamorphism. Inferred to be ocean basin deposits; may contain some rocks of 2

CRATON-RELATED DEPOSITS

Sedimentary rocks on and conterminous with the cratonic margin; where clastic, derived from cratonic sources. In-ferred depositional sites; continental shelf, slope



Paleozoic to Late Jurassic late late Proterozoic Proterozoic mid-Proterozoic

crystalline basement

