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REPORT ON THE GEOLOGICAL EVALUATION  
OF QUARTZ MINERAL PERMITS OF  
NORTH-EASTERN ALBERTA

*(Permits 41, 42, 47, 48, 52)*

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GEOLOGICAL EVALUATION  
OF QUARTZ MINERAL PERMITS OF N.E. ALBERTA

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INTRODUCTION:

This report has been prepared at the request of J.W. Worobec of 517 Lancaster Building, Calgary 2, Alberta, for submittal to Vision Developments Ltd.. The object of this study is to ascertain the economic potential of possible uranium deposits and other minerals within the acquired permits and claims from a survey of the published geological literature.

The present report presents the results of an investigation of publicly available information relating to the Company's permits, claims and interests and surrounding areas. The properties themselves were not examined in the field by the undersigned in conjunction with this report, but the occurrence of uranium deposits and other mineralization in the area has been confirmed through an investigation of the area by J.D. Godfrey of the Research Council of Alberta.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES:

Permit No. 41

Township 119, Range 3, W4M  
Sec. 19, and 27 - 34 inclusive  
(9 sections)

Township 119, Range 4, W4M  
Secs. 25 and 36

Township 120, Range 3, W4M  
Secs. 1, 2 and 3

Township 120, Range 4, W4M  
Sec. 1

Total: 9,600 acres

Permit No. 42

Township 120, Range 3, W4M  
Secs. 9-16, 21-28, and 31-33 inclusive

Township 120, Range 4, W4M  
Secs. 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36

Township 121, Range 3, W4M  
West half of township (18 sections)

Township 121, Range 4, W4M  
East one-third of township (12 sections)

Township 122, Range 3, W4M  
Secs. 4 - 9 inclusive

Township 122, Range 4, W4M  
Secs. 1, 2 and 12

Total: 39,680 acres.

Permit No. 47

Township 120, Range 4, W4M  
Secs. 2-11, 14-22, and 27-34 inclusive

Township 120, Range 5, W4M  
Secs. 10 - 25 inclusive

Total: 29,440 acres.

Permit No. 48

Township 123, Range 9, W4M  
Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36

Township 123, Range 8, W4M  
Secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,  
20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34

Township 122, Range 8, W4M  
Secs. 31 and 32

Township 122, Range 9, W4M  
Sec. 36

Total: 19,840 acres.

Permit No. 52

Township 119, Range 1, W4M  
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14, 15, and 19 - 36 inclusive

Township 119, Range 2, W4M  
Secs. 28 - 36 inclusive

Township 119, Range 3, W4M  
Secs. 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36

Township 120, Range 1, W4M  
Secs. 1 - 9 inclusive

Township 120, Range 2, W4M  
South half of township (18 sections)

Township 120, Range 3, W4M  
Secs. 1 - 3 and 10 - 15 inclusive  
(9 sections)

Total: 49,920 acres.

TOTAL OVERALL ACREAGE: 148,480 acres.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Direct access to this region is available to Fort Chipewyan by air from Edmonton or by an all-weather road starting at Peace Point. (Reference Map #1). However, travel within the area itself is difficult, and can only be economically accomplished by means of float-equipped, fixed wing aircraft or helicopter. Boat or canoe travel is slow and difficult, with numerous portages required.

The topography of the Precambrian Shield east of the Slave River is generally a gentle undulating surface of low rounded hills, however, locally deep valleys and fault scarps up to 200' high are encountered. The area is mainly Precambrian outcrop with numerous glacially-scoured lakes and small muskeg areas. Local relief up to

300' is probably maximum, with a general elevation increase from 700' on Lake Athabasca to 1370' in the northeast corner of the area.

The valleys are wooded with spruce, fir and poplar. Scrubby muskeg and open watery muskegs are generally confined to the lower areas.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Metalliferous vein deposits are generally recognized to be genetically and spatially related to faulting. A large concentration of vein and related types of uranium deposits are known to occur along the north shore of Lake Athabasca in a belt exceeding 30 miles in width northward from Fort Chipewyan in Alberta and extending eastward through Beaverlodge, Saskatchewan to Black Lake for a length of approximately 200 miles.

This belt lies within Athabasca geologic province of the Canadian Shield, and for ease of reference this belt will be termed the Lake Athabasca metalogenic belt. Map #2 (Map 1045 - M1, Metalogenic Map, Uranium in Canada) indicates a favourable area extending north-easterly for an additional 500 miles to the west shore of Hudson's Bay.

In the Canadian Shield the uranium ores are classified into three general types: (1) conglomeratic, (2) vein and related types, and (3) the pegmatitic types. Almost all of the uranium deposits of the producing mines and known occurrences within the Lake Athabasca Belt consist of veins, lenses, stringers and disseminations, and fall within the classification of vein and related types. This type of deposit or occurrence as previously stated is often related to faulting. Therefore structural control can be used to delineate the most promising prospecting

areas as well as eliminating much of the unfavourable areas.

GENERAL GEOLOGY:

The rocks within the area under discussion are of Precambrian age. The geologic succession and distribution is poorly known, since most of the area has not been mapped. The strata have been intensely folded and faulted, generally along northerly or northeasterly trending axis.

The oldest exposed strata are sedimentary and volcanic rocks, exhibiting various degrees of metamorphism and are referred to as the Tazin Group. However, much of the terrain is composed of granites and related rocks, and of complexes made up of gneisses, migmatites and granitized rocks. The intense deformation resulted in brecciation fracturing and mylonitization of these rocks, which are prime areas to prospect for mineral occurrences, particularly those of the meta-sediments.

The principal structural elements of the Precambrian north of Lake Athabasca on the Alberta side consist of three major fault structures termed the Allan Fault, the Warren Fault and the Rutherford Fault, by J.D. Godfrey (Figure #2). Belts of folded and faulted rocks exist between the three named fault zones.

The aerial photographic analysis and surface examination by J.D. Godfrey of the Research Council of Alberta (Geological Division - Bulletin 1) was used as a guide to select the above permits in areas most favourably located structurally wherein mineralization related to faults and fault zones could occur (Map #3).

SPECIFIC PERMITS (Ref. Figure #2)

Permits Nos. 41, 42 and 47 straddle the southern portions



of the Allan Fault (Reference Map #3 and Figure #1). The Allan Fault is the major structural element in the western part of the Lake Athabasca Belt. This fault system, more than 100 miles in length with a northerly strike, is expressed as a shear zone varying from one to five miles in width, with a great number of minor faults and shears. North of Woodman Lake the Allan Fault consists of several parallel fault planes with intervening fault blocks. Belts of meta sediments within granites and granite gneiss provide the structurally weak zones. Southward, the Allan Fault meets the shore of Lake Athabasca at Fidler Point. The strong northeasterly faults northeast of Fort Chipewyan are believed to be a drag effect of the Allan Fault (Map #3).

At Fidler Point, approximately 10 miles south of Permit 39, a pitchblende strike has been recorded and a uraninite strike at Fort Chipewyan (Ref. Map #2). About 12 miles north of Permit 42, two radioactive areas and molybdenite occurrences associated with chalcopyrite were noted in the Botts Lake area (Ref. Research Council of Alberta Preliminary Report 65-6).

Along the Allan Fault, the occurrence of pitchblende and uraninite to the south and radioactive areas, molybdenite and chalcopyrite occurrences to the north, categorizes these permits as highly prospective areas in which uranium and other mineral deposits are likely to occur.

Permit No. 52, approximately 49,920 acres, is an irregular block about 12 miles in length and about 5 miles wide and lies adjacent to the east of Permits No. 41 and 42. The dominant structural pattern (Ref. Map #3) is a large number of minor faults, fractures and shears. Approximately 15 miles north of this permit, McIntyre-Porcupine have

apparently found an important discovery (Ref. Northern Miner, Figure #3). South of Colin Lake in the Belyea and Roderick Lake areas (about 3 miles north of Permit No. 52) about 40 radioactive occurrences are reported in Research Council of Alberta Preliminary Report 62-2 by John D. Godfrey and E.W. Peikert. It appears that on the basis of the structural aspect that Permit No. 52 will lie within a southern continuation of the Cherry Lake, Belyea Lake and Roderick Lake radioactive trend.

Permit No. 48, containing approximately 19,840 acres, is located at the southern extremity of the Warren Fault (Map #3). This fault zone consists of two distinct shear zones about 2 miles apart. The western shear terminates within the southern part of the permit. To the west, the third fault system, the Rutherford Fault, swings southwards and appears to intersect the Warren Fault within the permit area. Here the Precambrian rocks are highly altered and faulted, and therefore must be considered a highly prospective area for mineralization to occur.

COMMENT:

The holdings under consideration, as presented to me, are located in Townships 119, 120, 121, 122, 123 and Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9, West of the 4th Meridian, as shown on the accompanying Reference Map, Figure #2. The total acreage involved is 148,480 acres.

Although the information on these properties, as given to me by Mr. J.W. Worobec, has been accepted as correct, I have made no investigation of my own as to legal title to such properties or the amounts of interests held.

SUMMARY:

The acquired permits are in an area which forms the westerly margin of the Athabasca province of the Canadian Shield. Within this geologic province, a belt of meta-sedimentary, volcanic, granite and related rocks, about 200 miles long and at least 40 miles wide, extends from Black Lake, Saskatchewan, westwards to the Shield area of Alberta. Within this belt, numerous occurrences and concentrations of uranium deposits are known. The deposits found in this belt are mainly vein and related types that often are genetically and spatially related to fault and shear zones.

The Research Council of Alberta, under the direction of J. J.D. Godfrey, conducted a detailed study of surface geology over part of the Shield area in Alberta. The prime purpose of this work was to map the detail geology of this region. In many cases areas of anomalously high radioactivity were encountered and noted as well as other metalliferous occurrences. These occurrences, although secondary objectives, were very numerous and discussing them individually is beyond the scope of this report.

Brief mention, however, is made of two important occurrences noted by the Research Council of Alberta (Preliminary Report #58-4).

(1) At an outcrop 200' by 75' southwest of Andrew Lake, three grab samples assayed as follows:

<u>U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> %</u>	<u>MO %</u>
1.03	0.69
3.93	1.03
3.29	1.40

(2) Spider Lake - A zone containing high radioactive bands with molybdenite was followed for over half a mile along the strike. Geiger

counter readings indicate that this radioactive zone extends for a distance of at least two miles.

The most recent discovery (Northern Miner, February 1st, 1968) in the area of the Permit blocks, was found by McIntyre-Porcupine Mines. Apparently five strikes were found, of which at least two reported grade ore running as high as 0.79%  $U_3O_8$ . Detailed exploratory work is currently being carried out.

On the basis of proven mineralization under similar geological conditions in Saskatchewan and other parts of the Shield, the numerous occurrences found in an otherwise unexplored area, it seems reasonable to state that the Alberta portion of the Lake Athabasca Metallogenic Belt is a highly promising area wherein economic deposits of uranium-bearing minerals can be found. Molybdenite-bearing deposits must be considered as an important secondary objective.

The permits are strategically located from the structural aspect as well as proximity to known occurrences, and therefore must be considered as highly prospective.

THE FOLLOWING EXPLORATORY PROGRAM IS RECOMMENDED:

- (1) A two man surface party to conduct a ground scintillometer survey using the air photo analysis as a guide.
- (2) If encouraging radioactive anomalies are discovered in Phase 1, conduct an airborne scintillometer survey using a 1/4 mile grid.
- (3) Depending on the results of Phase 2, conduct detailed geological surface studies on anomalous areas, including surface trenching.
- (4) If warranted, an initial diamond drilling should be undertaken to determine the vertical geometry of any apparent ore bodies.

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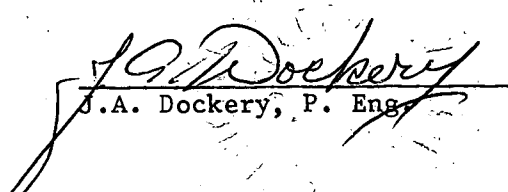
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CERTIFICATE

I, James Alfred Dockery, consulting engineer, of 4820 Eighth Avenue Southeast, Calgary, Alberta, do declare:

1. That I graduated as a Petroleum Engineer from the University of Alberta with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in the year 1951.
2. That I am a registered member of the Association of Professional Engineers for the Province of Alberta.
3. That I have no interest, direct or indirect, nor do I expect to receive any interest, direct or indirect, in the properties described in the attached report entitled, "Geological Evaluation of Quartz Mineral Permits of N.E. Alberta", dated September 10, 1968, nor have I any interest, present or expected, in the securities of the Company.
4. The above report is based on my geological and engineering knowledge of the areas described above, and upon a study of all the published data pertaining to the area.

  
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September 10, 1968.

## McIntyre To Test Uranium Property Of New Senator

McIntyre Porcupine Mines has completed plans for what will amount to a sizable exploration program this year on an extensive uranium acreage taken under a working option last year from New Senator-Rouyn Ltd. The property is an 80-sq. mile concession located in the northeastern part of Alberta and some 60 miles due west of the Beaverlodge uranium camp in Saskatchewan. Also holding a minority interest in the ground is Astrabrun Mines.

The program is to involve diamond drilling as well as other surface investigations, with a drill being moved to the property and slated to commence work on or about Feb. 20. This is to take advantage of winter conditions so that first drilling may be done from the ice on Cherry Lake.

The program during last year's field season consisted primarily of surface trenching and general prospecting, and this outlined five separate radioactive areas of sufficient importance to warrant further work. The Northern Miner understands. In each case, the showings are associated with fault zones.

Most interesting showing is regarded as the one at the north end of Cherry Lake. Here, ore grade uranium values have been obtained in two areas, while three others are regarded as potential targets for further exploration.

In one case, a radioactive zone related to a major north-south trending fault has been traced intermittently by scintillation counter and surface trenching for a length of about 2,500 ft. At the south end, near the shore of Cherry Lake, chip sampling of a rock trench across the zone has returned grade of 0.79% uranium oxide across 4.0 ft.

High scintillation counter readings have also been obtained in a swampy area about the middle of the known length. This is regarded as an interesting area and will be tested later by diamond drilling. Only low grade values were found in trenching towards the north end of the zone.

As mentioned, first drilling will be near the south end of this zone.

In addition to this winter program, which is expected to amount to at least 3,000 ft. of work, an extensive program has been lined up for this coming summer season. This latter will include further surface investigation of other known areas, as well as diamond drilling which already has been earmarked for some.

As indicated, the property is held under working option from New Senator which, in turn, obtained the ground from Astrabrun Mines. If carried to completion by McIntyre, a new company would be formed to operate the property in

which McIntyre interest would amount to approximately 52%, with New Senator having a 39% stake. In addition, McIntyre has also agreed to furnish most of the senior financing which would be required should production be warranted.

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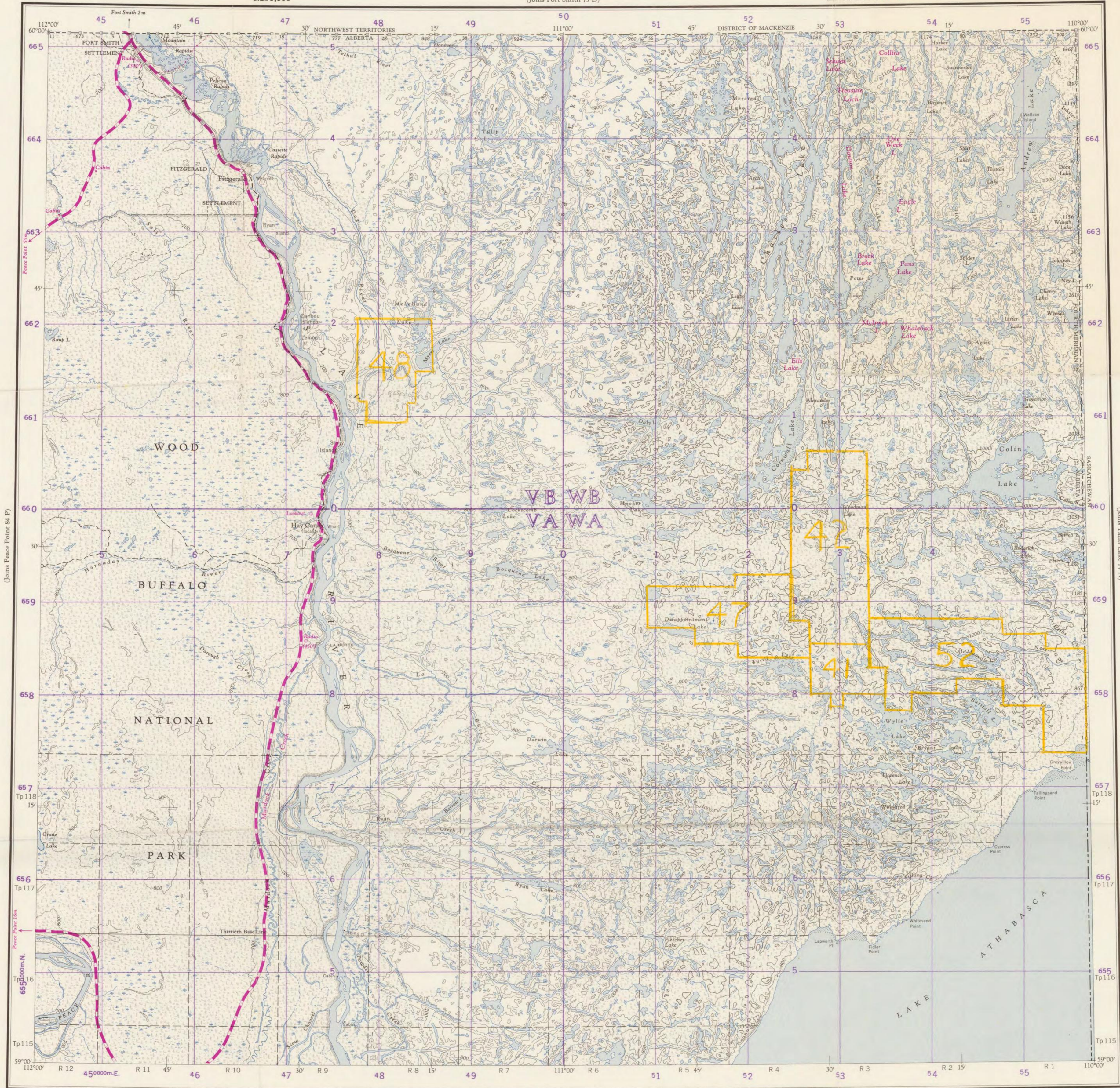
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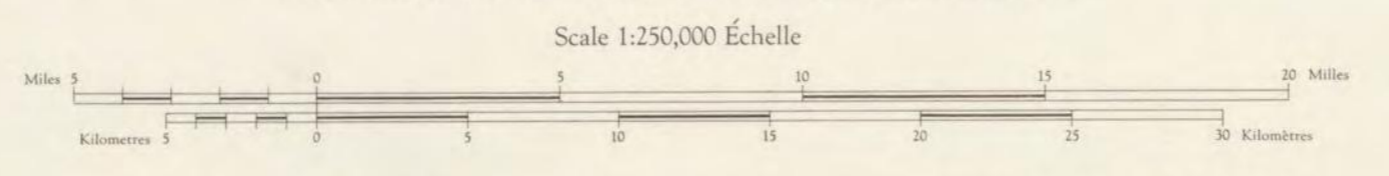
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**FITZGERALD**  
ALBERTA  
WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU QUATRIÈME MÉRIDIEN  
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Projection Transverse de Mercator  
Réseau géodésique nord-américain unifié (1927)  
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- Building..... Bâtiment.....



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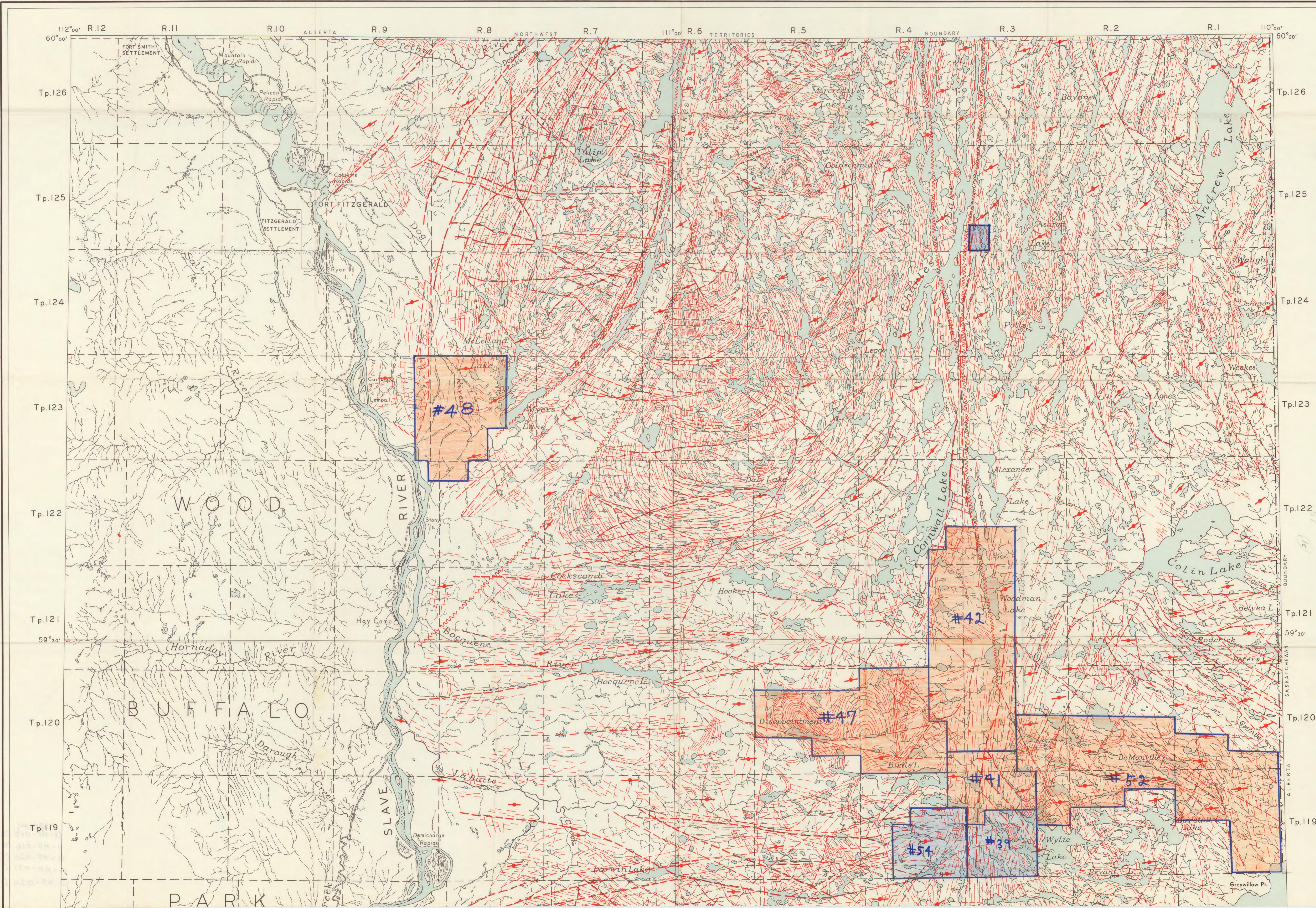
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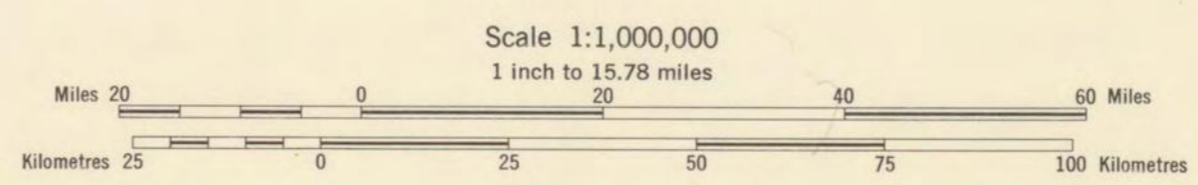


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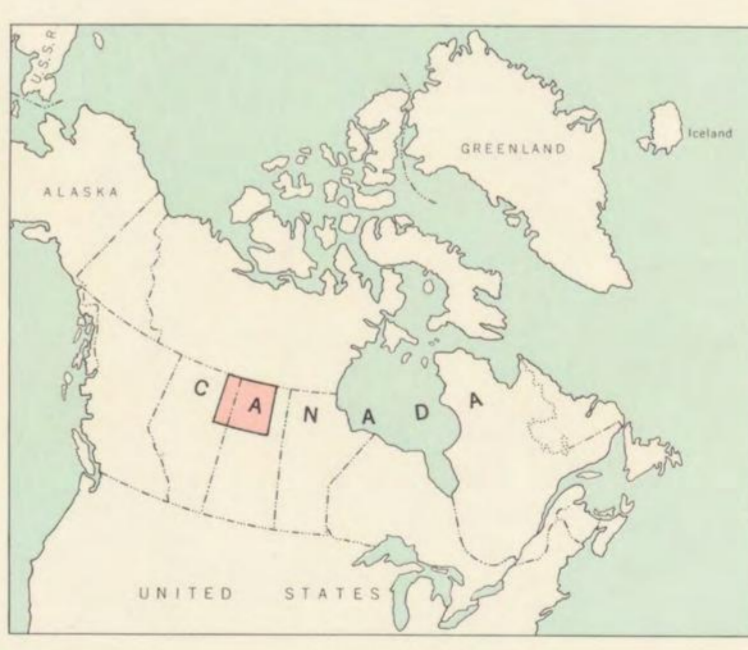
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  - K12** CLEARWATER FORMATION: grey and black shale, grey and green sandstone
  - K11** McMURRAY FORMATION: sandstone, shale, conglomerate. Parts impregnated with oil
- DEVONIAN**
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- Geological boundary (defined or approximate) - - - - -
- Principal fault - - - - -
- Estimated limit of Athabasca Oil Sands - - - - -
- Mine (gold, uranium) - Au, U
- Salt well - SW

Geology compiled by A. H. Lang, 1962, from maps and reports published by the Geological Survey of Canada, the Saskatchewan Department of Mineral Resources, and the Research Council of Alberta

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  - Martin Lake (Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd.) U
  - Greta (Black Bay Uranium Ltd.) U
  - Loreto (Loreto Uranium Mines Ltd.) U
  - Box (The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada Ltd.) Au
  - Athona (Athona Mines Ltd.) Au
  - Nicholson (Consolidated Nicholson Mines Ltd.) U
  - Gunnar (Gunnar Mines Ltd.) U
  - Nisto (Haymac Mines Ltd.) U



NOTES

GENERAL

Most of the map-area is in the Churchill province of the Canadian Shield, but the eastern part is in the Interior Plains and Lowlands. Physiographically, the part in the Shield is divisible into two main areas. One is a flat area extending eastward from the mouth of Athabasca River to Wollaston Lake, and northward from Cree Lake to Lake Athabasca. It slopes gently northward from an elevation of about 1,000 feet along its southern limit to about 700 feet, the level of Lake Athabasca. It is underlain mainly by the Athabasca Formation, which is poorly exposed and covered mainly by sand and other glacial deposits. This area is flanked to the north and south by hilly areas containing elevations up to about 1,400 feet above sea-level, and underlain by older Precambrian rocks, which are fairly well exposed. The surface of the area within the Interior Plains and Lowlands varies from flat to hilly, with elevations up to about 2,800 feet above sea-level. It is underlain by flat-lying Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata, exposures of which are virtually restricted to the banks of the larger streams.

Almost all the Precambrian part of the map-area has been mapped geologically on the scale of 1 inch to 4 miles, much of it has also been mapped at 1 inch to 1 mile, and a large area extending from the vicinity of Johnston Island to a line about 5 miles north of Beaverledge Lake has been mapped at 1 inch to 400 feet. As much of the detail cannot be shown at the scale of this map, it has been possible to illustrate only the larger geological features and a few smaller ones that illustrate structures or other phenomena particularly well.

PRECAMBRIAN

The older strata exposed are sedimentary and volcanic rocks exhibiting various degrees of metamorphism. It is not clear whether volcanic or sedimentary strata are the oldest, and it is possible that rocks of several ages are represented. North of Lake Athabasca these strata have been named the Tazin Group, to which at least some of the analogous strata in other parts of the area are probably related. The strata are intensely folded, generally along northwesterly trending axes. Evidence available at present from age determinations on samples from the Churchill province indicates that the orogenesis within it took place in Proterozoic rather than Archaean times, but this does not preclude the possibility that some of the rocks involved may be Archaean. Much of the Precambrian terrane is composed of granites and related rocks, and of complexes made up of gneisses, migmatites, granitized rocks, and small bodies of granite and other rocks. In areas that have been mapped at 1 inch to 1 mile or in greater detail the various components of the complexes have been separated and in some areas several varieties of gneisses have been mapped separately. It proved impossible to indicate these details on the present map, not only because of limitations of scale, but also because various workers used different classifications. Also present are numerous bodies of amphibolite of different sizes. Some of the narrower ones have been indicated symbolically because they illustrate the folding; many others had to be omitted.

In the large flat area south of Lake Athabasca the older rocks are overlain by the gently tilted Athabasca Formation, which was originally thought to be of Cambrian age but is now generally regarded as Proterozoic. At and near Carswell Lake several outcrops of dolomite in a circular pattern have been grouped as the Carswell Formation. The contact between these beds and the Athabasca Formation has not been found exposed, but nearby dips suggest that the Carswell overlies the Athabasca and has been folded in a domal structure. In the vicinity of Beaverledge Lake beds of arkose and other sedimentary rocks interbedded with flows of basalt, which were formerly considered part of the Athabasca 'series' have recently been redefined as the Martin Lake Formation.

The older Precambrian rocks are traversed by numerous faults, many of which strike northwesterly. Only a few of the more prominent ones could be shown on this map. North of Lake Athabasca two main periods of faulting have been recognized. The older followed the granitization of rocks of the Tazin Group, and the younger took place after the deposition of the Martin Lake Formation. Wide zones of fracturing, brecciation, and mylonitization are believed to have resulted from still earlier deformation or faulting, rather than from faults that can now be mapped.

PALAEZOIC AND MESOZOIC

The Paleozoic strata exposed in the area mainly contain fossils indicative of Middle and Upper Devonian ages. The Fitzgerald Formation found along Slave River was formerly considered to be Upper Silurian, and because the evidence available at present is uncertain its age is now stated as "Upper Silurian and/or Middle Devonian". In the southwestern part of the map-area Lower Cretaceous strata rest on an eroded surface in the Devonian beds. The distribution of the Paleozoic and Mesozoic formations is reasonably well known from exposures along streams and from drilling records, but the precise locations of the boundaries between them is in most places indefinite because of the extensive overburden of glacial and post-glacial deposits. Some additional formations have been recognized in drill sections but are not mappable from surface information.

ECONOMIC FEATURES

The map-area contains occurrences of a large variety of metals, discoveries to date being almost entirely confined to the earlier Precambrian rocks. The region first attracted prospectors in and following 1910 when interest was mainly in copper-nickel occurrences associated with rhyolite, and in iron-bearing sedimentary rocks, neither of which were developed successfully. Gold discoveries in 1934 caused establishment of the town of Goldfields, near which two mines produced for a few years. An occurrence of pitchblende found at the Nicholson copper prospect near Goldfields in 1935 was not then of particular interest, but in and following 1942 it caused much prospecting for uranium in the area. This resulted in discovery of more than 3,000 occurrences of pitchblende in the general vicinity of Beaverledge Lake, and establishment of 12 producing mines, the town of Uranium City, and several roads and airstrips. The larger pitchblende deposits consist of stringer-systems and disseminations in a variety of earlier Precambrian rocks and in the Martin Lake Formation; most are associated with prominent faults. Many additional uranium occurrences were found between Slave River and Beaverledge area, and between that area and Porcupine River; some are of the pitchblende type described above, and most others contain crystalline uraninite in pegmatites, migmatites, and related rocks. Many occurrences of the latter type were also found in the general vicinity of Foster Lakes.

The map-area contains the northeastern part of the Athabasca Oil Sands, which in their entirety are considered to be the world's largest reserve of petroleum. They are mainly in the McMurray Formation, which is impregnated with viscous petroleum, and are regarded as an oil reservoir that was exposed sufficiently by erosion to permit escape of the more volatile constituents. Whether the oil originated in these beds, in the underlying Devonian strata, or in overlying Cretaceous formations has not yet been proved. Many investigations have been undertaken regarding the extent of the sands, and methods of exploiting them, but to date commercial production has not been achieved. Devonian strata contain thick beds of salt, anhydrite, and gypsum. Salt was produced for several years from wells drilled near McMurray.

REFERENCES

The maps and reports used in this compilation are too numerous to be listed here. Most will be found in the Index to Publications of the Geological Survey of Canada (1945-1960) and its supplements, and in the lists of the Research Council of Alberta and the Saskatchewan Department of Mineral Resources.

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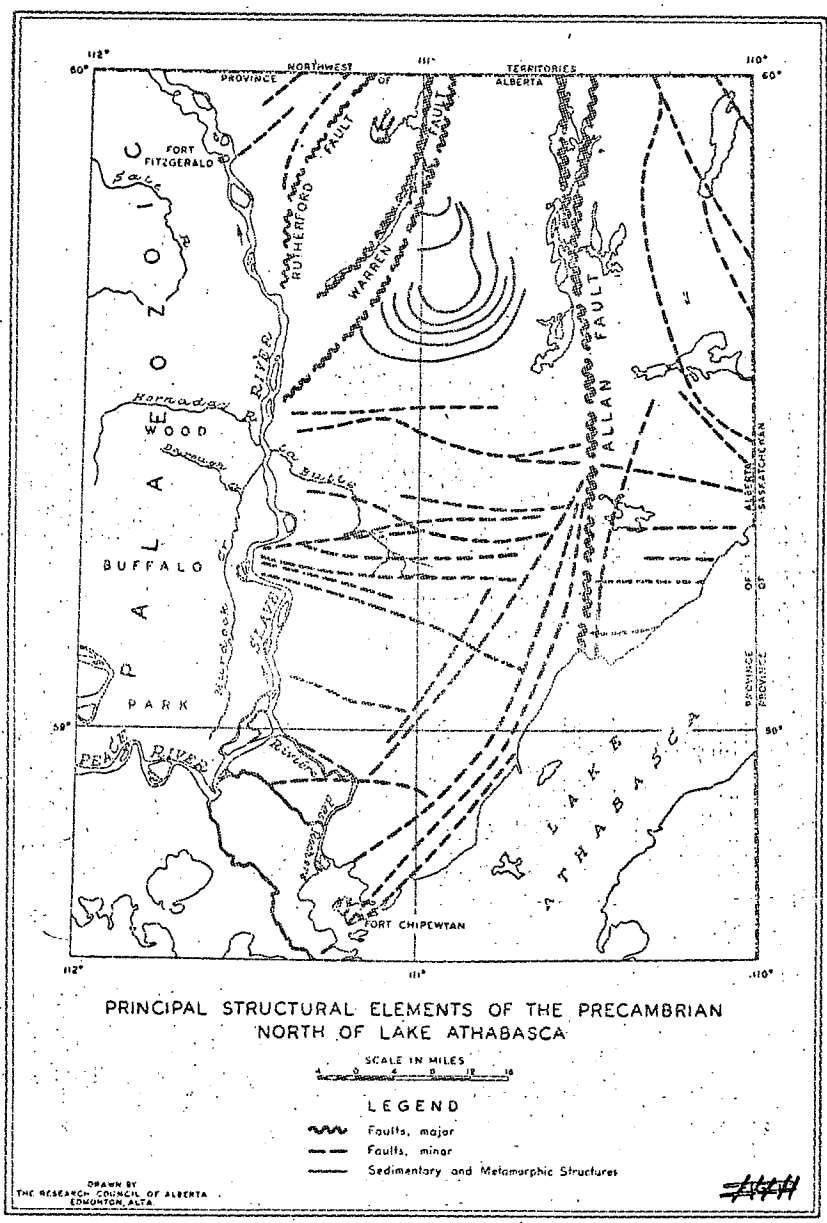
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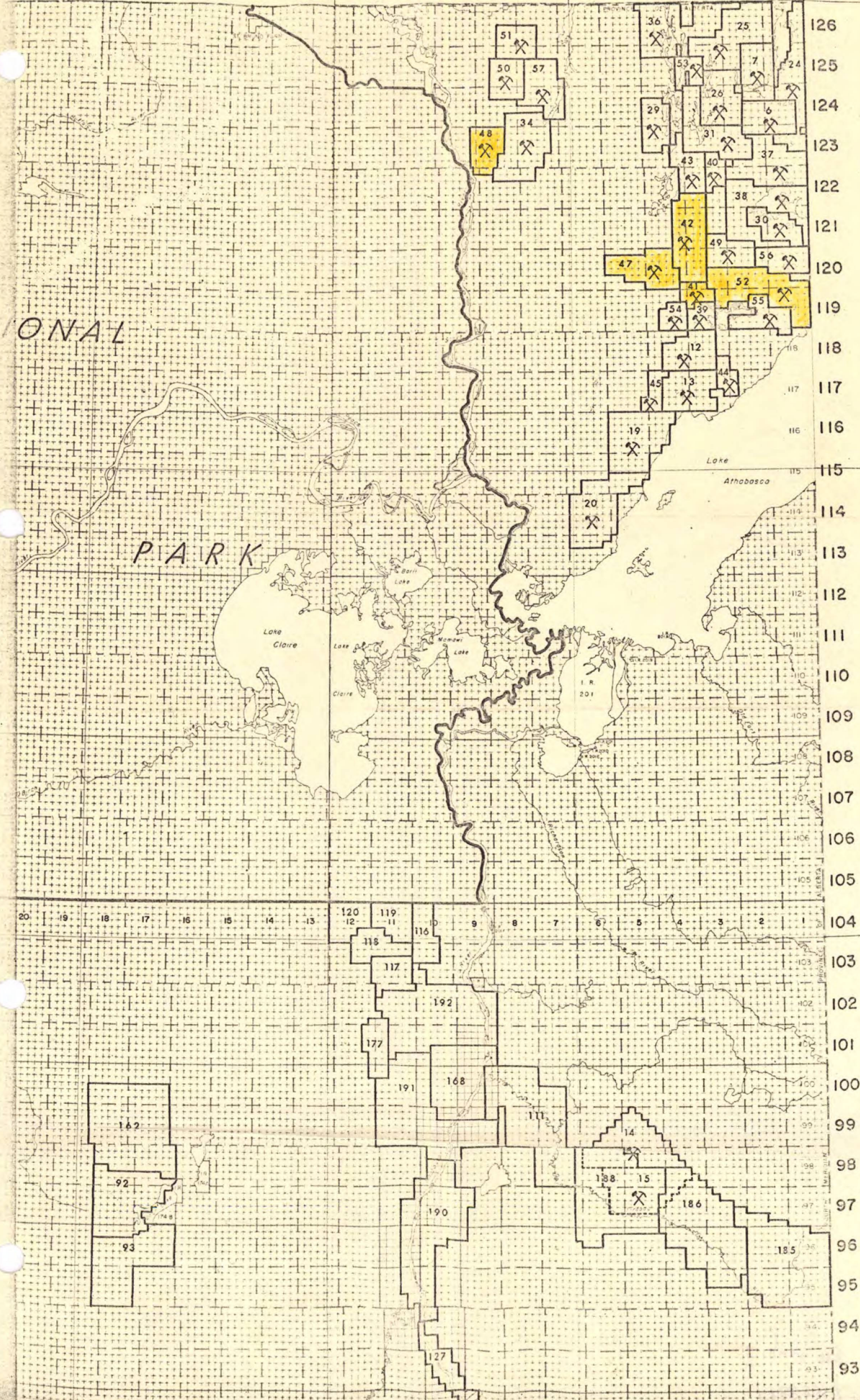


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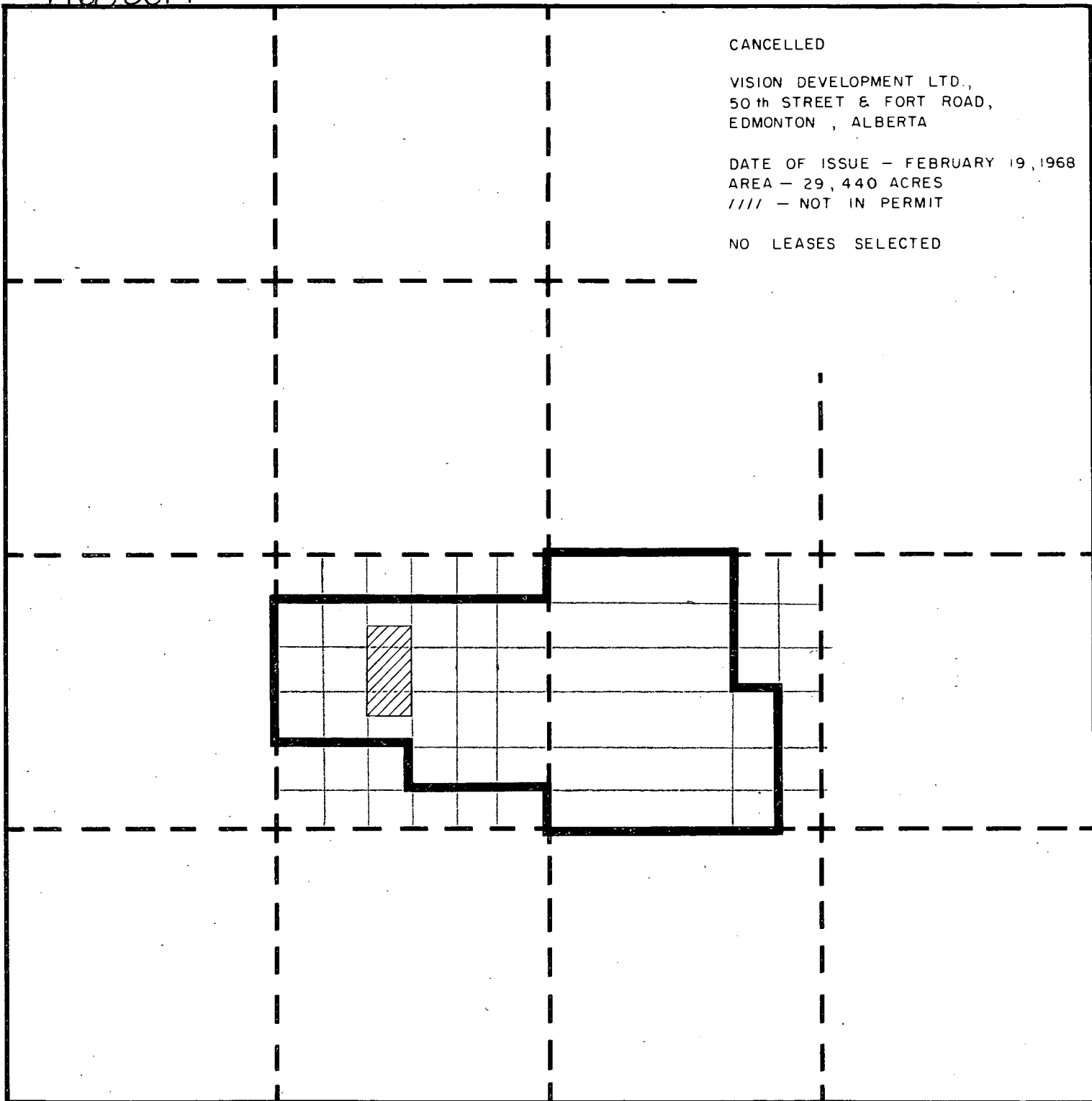
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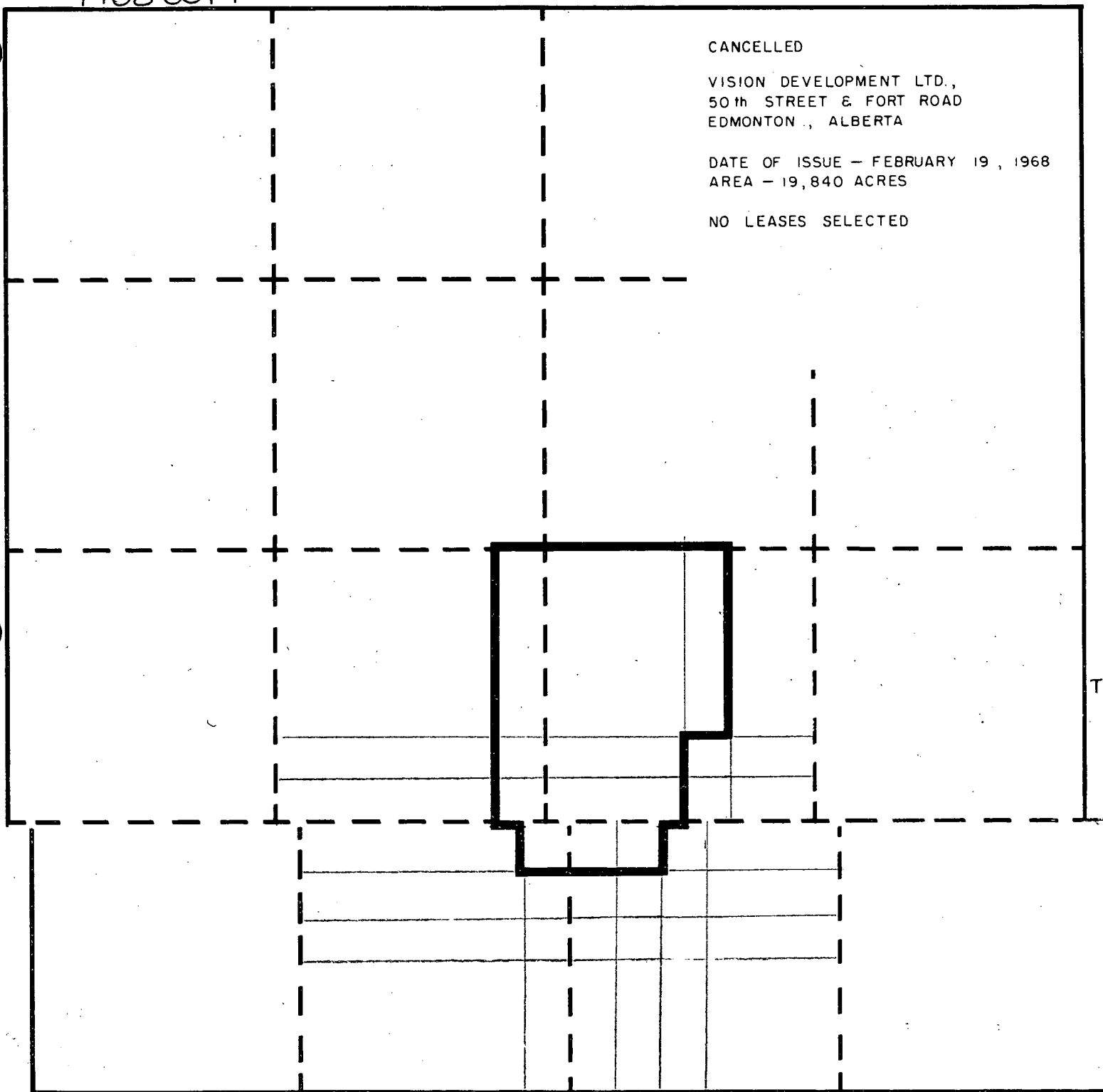
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