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## INTRODUCTION

Due to the number of complaints of poor water quality in the Plymouth Park area, a survey was carried out in June and July 1975 to determine the extent and cause of the problem, and possible solutions to the problem. Specifically, the complaints were of salt, iron, manganese and hydrogen sulfide.

## FIELD WORK

In June 1975, well logs were located, and preliminary samples analyzed in the field for alkalinity, hardness and chloride. In July 1975, 38 samples were collected for complete chemical analysis. Surficial mapping was carried out, using exposures in road cuts, ditches, and stream banks.

Due to high fluoride and chloride values in some of the first 38 samples, the following work was carried out in September 1975: 1) 29 wells were resampled for fluoride, 2) 18 additional samples were taken for complete chemical analysis, and 3) 14 samples were taken for isotope analyses. The latter analyses, for tritium and deuterium, were run by Dr. R.M. Brown of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., Chalk River, Ontario.

The locations of the wells and chemical analyses are shown in figures 2 and 3. The well data and field chemical data is summarized in Appendix 1. Lab chemical analyses are summarized in Appendix 2.

In October and December 1975, 31 backhoe testpits and 2 drilled testholes were logged in the area (Figure 3 and Appendices 3 and 4).

## LOCATION AND PHYSIOGRAPHY

The Plymouth area is located on the east side of the East River near Stellarton (Figure 1) and lies in the Carboniferous Lowlands region of Nova

Scotia. Land elevations in the study area range from sea level to 300 feet.

The study area lies within the drainage basin of the East River.

### CLIMATE

Based on 20 years of record, the average total precipitation is 40.70" annually, with 32.96" as rain and 7.74" as snow. The maximum precipitation was 55.32" (1964), the minimum was 26.69" (1965). Total runoff accounts for about 2/3 of the precipitation.

The mean annual daily temperature is 43.4°F, with a mean daily maximum of 52.3°F.

The average number of frost free days is 112, with a range of 89 to 135 days. The average length of the growing season is 135 days.

### GEOLOGY

#### Bedrock (Figure 4)

The northern part of the study area is underlain by gray, red and mottled shale, sandstone and conglomerate, and minor coal of the Stellarton Series of Pennsylvanian age.

Exposures along the East River in the Plymouth area consist of alternating hard red sandstone, gray siltstone, and shale. The bedding strikes northwest-southeast and dips northeast at 13 to 25°. Major joint sets strike parallel to the bedding and dip northeast and southwest, generally at an angle greater than 50°. There is also a prominent set striking perpendicular to the bedding and dipping from 65 to 90°.

In the southern part of the area (near Ferrona Junction), there is hard red and gray sandstone of the Windsor Group of Mississippian age. The bedding



strikes almost north-south and dips about  $50^{\circ}$  west. There is a faulted contact with limestone just south of this area.

The main structural elements in the area are the Plymouth and South Faults, and a northeast striking anticline axis. Two small faults parallel the Plymouth Fault.

Elevations of the bedrock surface from well log data (Figure 5) indicate a steep dropoff in a westerly direction towards the East River. In the Park, the bedrock elevation is about 25 feet below sea level.

The following description, from the southern to northern part of Figure 4, is summarized from Bell (1940) and Fletcher (1892).

Windsor material outcrops upstream of the South Fault, consisting of reddish, flinty, slaty or prismatic sandstones and argillites with veins of quartz and ankerite. A diorite dyke cuts across the Windsor in this section. This sequence is succeeded upstream by blue-grey limestone. One outcrop of Windsor material, just east of the Plymouth-Churchville Road, consists of jointed sandstone with quartz crystals coating the faces. Conglomerate occurs on Mac Gregors Mountain and in the Churchville area.

The South Fault, trending N75E, separates Windsor and Canso strata. The Stellarton Series are downthrown several thousand feet against the older rocks in the area east of the East River.

The Canso-Pictou strata contact on the East River north of McKay Brook is marked by a thin basal gray conglomerate of the Skinner Brook Member, which lies unconformably on brownish-red sandstone of the Canso Group. The basal conglomerate is overlain by brownish red sandstone, then gray, flaggy, rippled

sandstone to 420' above the contact, then 15' of blackish grey and brown mudstone and grey argillaceous shale. This sequence, representing 4800 feet downstream from McKay Brook, strikes essentially parallel to the river and dips eastward. The rocks then swing into an anticline. The higher beds consist of brownish-red sandstone and siltstone and a thin red conglomerate. The rocks are then concealed for 1600 feet, in which the Plymouth Fault occurs (downthrown on the north side). This fault accounts for the loss of several thousand feet of strata belonging to Division 1 of the Stellarton Series. There is also a minor fault 500 feet south of this, trending S76E and with a downthrow on the northern side.

Between the pumping station and Plymouth Bridge, 520 feet of the Plymouth Member is exposed - a brownish red siltstone and fine argillaceous sandstone, some gray mottled. In the coarser beds, green slate or argillite from Ordovician rocks is present. The lower part of this section to the bridge contains a few bands of blackish-gray slickensided mudstone. A small fault at the bridge strikes S65E, with a downthrow on the north side. North of the fault are exposed brownish red and mottled red and gray siltstone overlain by gray argillaceous siltstone and a thin calcareous bed.

#### Surficial (Figure 6)

The surficial deposits consist mainly of sandy and clayey glacial tills, and sands and gravels. The visible thicknesses in the field are indicated in Figure 6. The thicknesses from well logs are shown in Figure 7. Generally, the till thicknesses exceed 10 feet, and reach almost 100 feet in several places. Dept. of Highways boreholes (Appendix 5) and observations of outcrops in the East

River (Figure 6) indicate that the stratified sands and gravels along the river are generally less than 10 feet thick.

Thirty-one backhoe testpits were dug to determine the type and thickness of surficial materials. The locations of these holes are shown on Figure 3, and summaries of the logs in Appendix 4.

### Glacial History

Work in the Northumberland Strait by Kranck (1972) has shown that pre-glacial drainage off the East River trends northeast along Cape George. After deglaciation, sea level was lowered by 300 feet. The Strait was inundated at about 11,800 B.P. Off the East River, there are two terraces, at 45-55 meters to the northeast, and 18-23 meters to the north. The terraces were formed during the last postglacial transgression of the sea. The shallowest (youngest) terrace has been dated at 5000-5500 years B.P. The present average rise in sea level in this area is more than 25 centimeters/100 years. Hence in the East River area, sea level has risen gradually from the Pleistocene to the present and there should be no residual saline groundwater due to higher sea levels from this time period.

### GROUNDWATER FLOW

The water table elevation in the Park (Figure 8) indicates a northwesterly flow of groundwater in the surficial material towards the East River. The regional contours (Figure 9) also indicate a general northwesterly flow in the bedrock, following the bedrock and surface topography. The main recharge area is MacGragor Mountain, the main discharge area the East River. A local recharge area (piezometric elevation 55') occurs just east of the Park, with a

discharge area to the southeast and northwest. A local discharge area also occurs along the old River Road.

The water levels in dug wells are generally higher than those in adjacent drilled wells where information is available, indicating a vertical component of flow from the surficial materials to the bedrock.

Evidence of groundwater discharge is also provided in the many seepages (Figure 6). Some of these, especially those in the Ferrona Junction area, were flowing at 1/2 to 1 gpm. The seepages marked on Figure 6 were present after about 1 1/2 months of no rain and hence should represent perennial discharge. Unfortunately the iron concentrations were high enough to cause a bright orange precipitate of iron oxide or hydroxide and hence these springs would not be suitable for a domestic water supply.

Wells with high yields, i.e. greater than 5 gpm, appear to be related to faults and to Windsor Group materials (Figure 4). Several wells in Windsor conglomerate yield 10-40 gpm.

Water level fluctuations in the two N.S.D.O.E. test holes were monitored monthly from January to July 1976 (Figure 20). If it is assumed that the two wells are analogous to piezometers, then the results suggest that the interval area of the river is a groundwater discharge area during most of the year when water levels are relatively high, but converts to a recharge area during the groundwater recession in summer. Further monitoring is required to substantiate this.

## GROUNDWATER QUALITY

The field results and complete chemical analyses (Appendices 1 and 2) indicate a fairly serious problem in the area, with respect to chloride, iron, manganese and fluoride (Table 1).

TABLE 1

Field data:

Cl > 50mg/l	37/118	31.4%
Cl > 250mg/l	12/118	10.2%
Reported sulphide odor	5/118	4.2%
Hardness > 120 mg/l	40/118	34.0%

Complete Analyses:	DUG WELLS		DRILLED WELLS		TOTAL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cl > 250mg/l	3/17	17.6	11/40	27.5	14/57	24.6
Fe > 0.3 mg/l	5/17	29.4	13/40	32.5	18/57	31.6
Mn > 0.05 mg/l	11/17	64.7	25/40	62.5	36/57	63.2
F > 1.2 mg/l	0	0	16/40	40.0	16/57	28.1

### Salt

The values of chloride are shown in Figures 12 and 13. There is essentially no relationship between Cl and well depth (Figure 10); however, it is noteworthy that all drilled wells (except the two circled) with greater than 100 mg/l Cl are from the localized area of the Park. The well waters have also undergone a considerable amount of ion exchange and natural water softening, as indicated by Figure 11. A trilinear plot (Figure 18) indicates that most drilled well waters in the study area are of the Na-HCO<sub>3</sub> or Na-Cl type. Most drilled wells in the Park area contain Na-Cl type waters.

The natural softening of water usually occurs in shales and other sediments originally laid down under marine conditions or affected by marine incursion after deposition. At this time, a large number of Na ions are adsorbed on ion exchange sites. When fresh water recharge occurs, generally with Ca-rich waters, the Ca is preferentially adsorbed and the Na is released, resulting in high Na/Cl and Na/Ca ratios. The drilled wells outside the park show this relationship (Figure 11). The drilled wells in the Park show high Na/Ca ratios, but low Na/Cl ratios due to the Na and Cl, respectively, contributed from salt (NaCl). Some possible reasons for this are: 1) regional groundwater discharge; 2) the bedrock surface here forms a depression and may contain residual or incompletely flushed saline brines; 3) the Plymouth Fault to the south and the small fault to the north of the Park may have acted as barriers to groundwater flow and caused entrapment of meteoric waters in a stagnant condition; 4) incomplete flushing of original saline pore water. The latter is unlikely in view of the isotope results to be discussed later. The most reasonable explanation is slow flushing due to the large number of shale beds, some of which are reported as sticky and clay-like; such beds may act as barriers and also as membranes.

One well high in sulphate (index no. 65) is likely affected by gypsum of the Windsor Group.

Most dug wells are of the Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> or Ca-Cl type. High values of chloride in these wells appear to be related to road salt.

## Fluoride

Fluoride values were found to exceed the suggested limit of 1.2 mg/l in sixteen wells.

## Origin

The main possible sources of Fluoride are: 1) from sea water during the original deposition of a marine bed which has not been completely flushed out, 2) volcanic emanations, 3) weathering or solution of fluoride-bearing minerals such as fluorite, apatite, tourmaline, topaz, vesuvianite, lepidolite, phlogopite, and glauconite (LaMoreaux, 1948).

Fluoride levels up to 3.4 mg/l have been found in Alabama (LaMoreaux, 1948 and Carlston, 1942) to have the following relationships: 1) fluoride more than 1 mg/l found exclusively in deep wells, 2) high fluoride is found in soft groundwaters (less than 60 mg/l total hardness) high in  $\text{HCO}_3$ . A direct correlation exists between fluoride and  $\text{HCO}_3$ , 3) high fluoride is correlated with phosphatic material, pyrite, lignite and abundant glauconite. Pyrite in association with organic material could be expected to decompose and produce  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , which in turn could attack the more insoluble fluoride-bearing minerals (LaMoreaux, 1948). Glauconite alone was not found to produce high fluoride levels, but was the chief base exchange agent causing natural water softening; 4) high fluoride was found in deeper wells in discharge areas, hence the fluoride concentration may be related to depth of formation and distance to outcrop, and hence to the extent of groundwater circulation and length of contact time.

In Florida, Toler (1967) found apatite group minerals in phosphatic sediments to produce groundwaters high in fluoride.

Handa (1975) found that well waters high in fluoride were: 1) associated with low Ca, which he attributed to the low solubility of fluorite, 2) associated with high  $\text{HCO}_3$  and sometimes  $\text{NO}_3$ , 3) often saturated with respect to calcite and fluorite.

In the Plymouth study area, high fluoride values were found to be associated with: 1) deeper wells (Figure 14), 2) high chloride (Figure 15), 3) high  $\text{HCO}_3$  (Figure 16) and soft waters, 4) often higher values of  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{PO}_4$  than wells with lower fluoride values (Appendix 2), and 5) a groundwater discharge area, possibly regional. Three wells were found to be saturated with respect to fluorite (Figure 17), and most were also found to be saturated with calcite and fluorapatite (as computed by program WATEQF). This supports a primary mineral source for the fluoride. Also, the strong positive correlation between fluoride and hydroxyl concentrations and pH indicates that fluoride is not simply exchanging for hydroxyl on clay mineral sites.

Most dug wells in the study area contained less than 0.5 mg/l fluoride, as found by Handa (1975), due either to absence of fluoride-bearing minerals in the overburden or rapid groundwater circulation.

The fluoride source in the Plymouth area could possibly be correlated with pyrite and lignite, since coal seams and coal shale are common. Unfortunately no cores were available to check for phosphatic or tuffaceous layers in the



bedrock. The latter occurrence is a possibility, since high fluoride values in the Moncton area are thought to be associated with a volcanic ash unit in the Pictou Group which has been identified in a few deep wells (Dyck et al, 1976). The natural water softening could be a result of natural base exchange, as explained earlier, or a shale membrane mechanism. The latter works on a reverse osmosis principle, whereby shales or clay layers act as sieves or membranes, with a driving force provided by hydrodynamic or permeability gradients. According to White (1965) and vanEverdingen (1968), the low pressure side of the membrane generally has a higher Na/Ca ratio, higher fluoride,  $\text{pH} > 7$ , and low Cl as compared to the high pressure or input side. This hypothesis fits the chemistry of the high fluoride waters in the study area with the exception of the high Cl values (Figure 15), which may be the result of such factors as stagnation in bedrock depressions, proximity to Windsor bedrock and proximity to fault zones. As shown by Figure 19, the driving force could be a combination of regional hydrodynamic pressure and permeability gradients produced by alternating shales and sandstone. Figure 19 also suggests the presence of an old channel deposit of the East River in the vicinity of well 45 - this may contain materials of high permeability and hence create a low fluid pressure area.

To ensure that entrapped sea water from pre-Pleistocene times or recent salt water intrusion was not causing the salt, Dr. R.M. Brown kindly carried out tritium and deuterium analyses on selected samples. The results (Appendix 7) indicate that all wells deeper than 75 feet contain water more than 20 years old. This supports the idea of stagnant groundwater associated with a regional

flow system, or incomplete flushing of saline water associated with nearby Windsor rocks or faults. The possibility of a bedrock knoll (Figure 19) as suggested from water well logs could account for the stagnation and membrane filtration effects; however, depth to bedrock from the well log data is not conclusive because of the soft shales present, which make it difficult in some cases to ascertain the bedrock-overburden contact.

#### Health Implications

Fluoride values in municipal water supplies in Nova Scotia are maintained at about 1.2 mg/l, the amount theoretically required for strong teeth in children. Excessive amounts of fluoride may cause mottling of tooth enamel and may have toxic effects on the bone structure of the body. The use of such water generally affects children less than 8 years old whose permanent teeth have not yet formed. The mottling is a permanent effect.

As a followup to our sampling, N.S. Dept. of Public Health resampled wells with more than 1.2 mg/l fluoride. The values agreed with the previous sampling to within 0.2 mg/l. A dental survey was then carried out, but fortunately no serious fluorosis problems were found as a result of fluoride in the well water (Appendix 8).

#### Economic Implications

Dyck et al (1976) found that a band of high values of fluoride, uranium, helium, radon, alkalinity and conductivity exists along the Northumberland Strait from the New Glasgow area, N.S. to Cape Tormentine, N.B. in the Pictou Group bedrock. They suggest that this may be analagous to a "roll

front", of the type that has produced economic uranium ore deposits in the United States. Circulating groundwaters are presently leaching the deposits. A uranium anomaly has been found in the Plymouth area (G.S.C. Open File 340), possibly due to stagnation of groundwater in this area.

## TESTHOLE RESULTS

### Surficial

Backhoe testpits were dug to determine the type of surficial materials, and if there were any sand and gravel deposits suitable for a screened well or infiltration gallery along the East River. Appendix 4 summarizes the logs.

The pits indicated a fairly consistent pattern from top to bottom of silt or till, stratified sand, gravel and boulders, and clay or bedrock. The top sands and silts in many cases represent recent alluvium deposited on the flood plain of the East River. The stratified materials are generally only 2 to 5 feet thick except at P12, which is at a higher elevation. The sands and gravels on the interval area are likely a central bar deposit, built up due to change in river slope just upstream and to rising sea level. Above the 20 foot contour, the slope is about  $15^{\circ}$ , but increases to  $20^{\circ}$  between 20 and 10 feet due to bedrock control. From 10 to 5 feet, the slope decreases to  $12^{\circ}$ , resulting in a critical slope on the border between meandering and braiding. The meander length-channel width relationship indicates a disequilibrium, with increase in channel width or decrease in meander length being desirable. The small gravel terrace in the vicinity of P12 is likely an outwash remnant.

The lower clay layer is of two types: 1) a hard compact clay containing angular gravel and a few rounded pebbles, and 2) a soft plastic clay with minor thin laminae of silt and fine sand, and containing minor organic material. The former is likely a glacial till, while the latter likely represents a quiet depositional environment that might exist in an old cutoff channel or swale on the flood plain.

The sand and gravel in several of the pits contained appreciable quantities of groundwater; however, this only occurred just near the gravel-clay contact and represents perched water. The saturated thickness was less than 1 foot, and the sand and gravel would likely not be saturated on a perennial basis.

#### Bedrock

Logs of the two N.S.D.O.E. and the N.S.D.M. holes on the interval are contained in Appendix 3. The location of the N.S.D.M. hole is not certain but it is thought to be from 200-400 feet north of INT-1-75. The depths to bedrock in the three holes are 70, 39 and 24 feet. The sand and gravel may be saturated in the lower 5 feet for most of the year, however the groundwater is perched on clay and gravelly clay, hence there is no apparent extensive buried channel network. The yields of the two N.S.D.O.E. holes were 5-8 gpm and 1-2 gpm from the section of the hole below 20 feet. The quality of this water is poor (Appendix 2), with high values of salt, iron and manganese. It is possible that a shallow drilled well screened from 15-25 feet could supply more than one home; however, the yield would likely not be sufficient to serve the needs of the Park area.

## CONCLUSIONS

The results of the study indicate a fairly serious problem of water quality in drilled wells in the Park area and the area east of the Park to the Churchville Road. Many dug wells in the Park either have problems of surface water contamination, as indicated by salt, or experience water shortages in summer.

The main problems of salt and fluoride in the drilled wells are likely due to slow flushing or stagnation of meteoric water. The iron, manganese, and hydrogen sulphide problems are likely related to coal and other organic matter in the subsurface.

Test hole results indicate that the sands and gravels in the area are generally too thin or the saturated thickness insufficient to provide an alternate water supply for the area. The groundwater is perched somewhat by the underlying clay, and hence drains rapidly, i.e. storage is small. The potential for high capacity bedrock wells could exist southeast of the Park area in association with faults and Windsor conglomerate. The water quality from these wells is generally good also, although slightly excessive iron and manganese values may occur.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We would recommend that an alternate water supply be obtained for the area of the Park and east of it to the Churchville Road. About 50-60 homes are involved. We would suggest the following options:

- 1) serve the area from either the New Glasgow or Stellarton systems
- 2) consider a well field in the bedrock in the MacGregor Mountain area. This

option would involve a test drilling and pump testing program . If ground-water of sufficient quantity and acceptable quality were obtained, then a pipeline of at least a mile would be involved.

In both cases, water and sewer lines would have to be installed.

From an academic viewpoint, there are interesting projects which could stem from this work, such as:

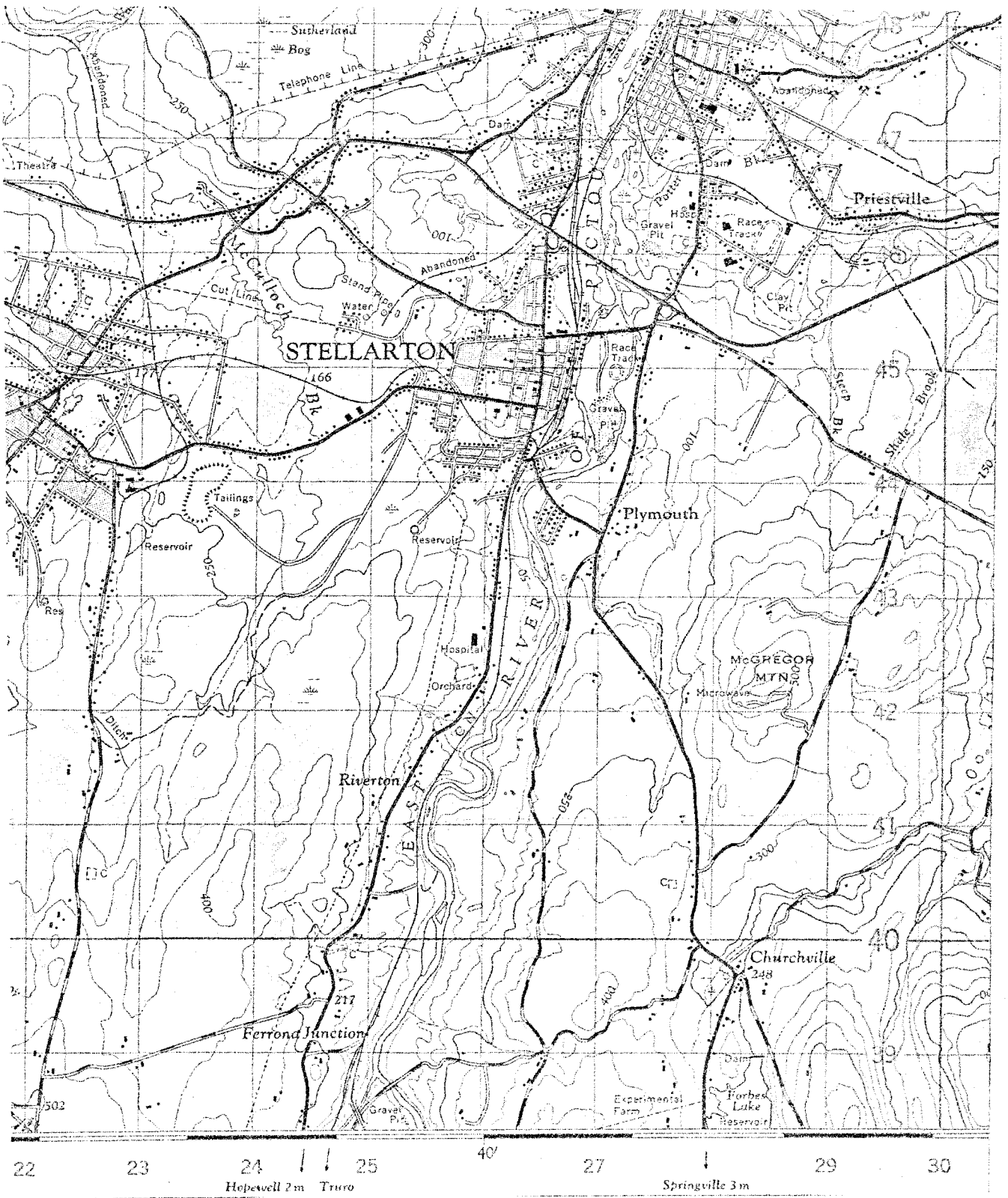
- 1) a detailed analysis of some of the well waters in the Park area for uranium. The Geological Survey of Canada sampling for uranium suggests an anomaly in the Plymouth area.
- 2) diamond drilling to obtain cores for petrologic study, to determine the overall mineral composition, and the minerals providing the fluoride source and base exchange mechanism .
- 3) coring might help to establish if any fault zones are present at depth through which mineralized groundwaters from the Windsor Group could enter the Pictou Group rocks in the area.
- 4) installation of piezometer nests to determine accurately the regional ground-water flow pattern.

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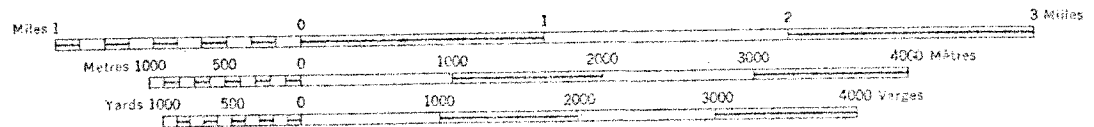
## FIGURES





22 23 24 25 27 29 30  
 Hopewell 2 m Truro Springville 3 m

SCALE 1:50,000 ÉCHELLE



CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 FEET      ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES 50 PIEDS  
 Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level      Élévations en pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer

Figure 1. Location map.

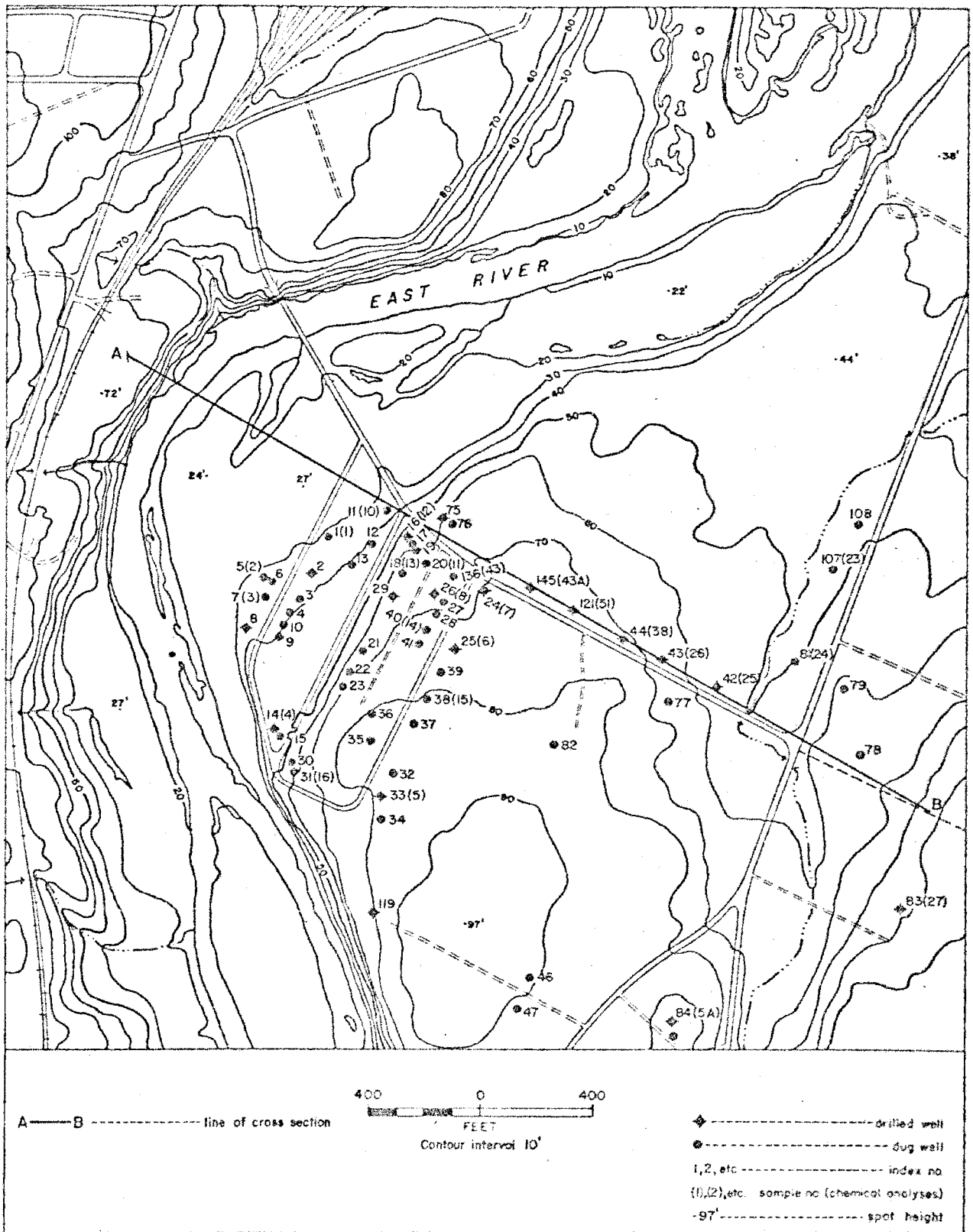


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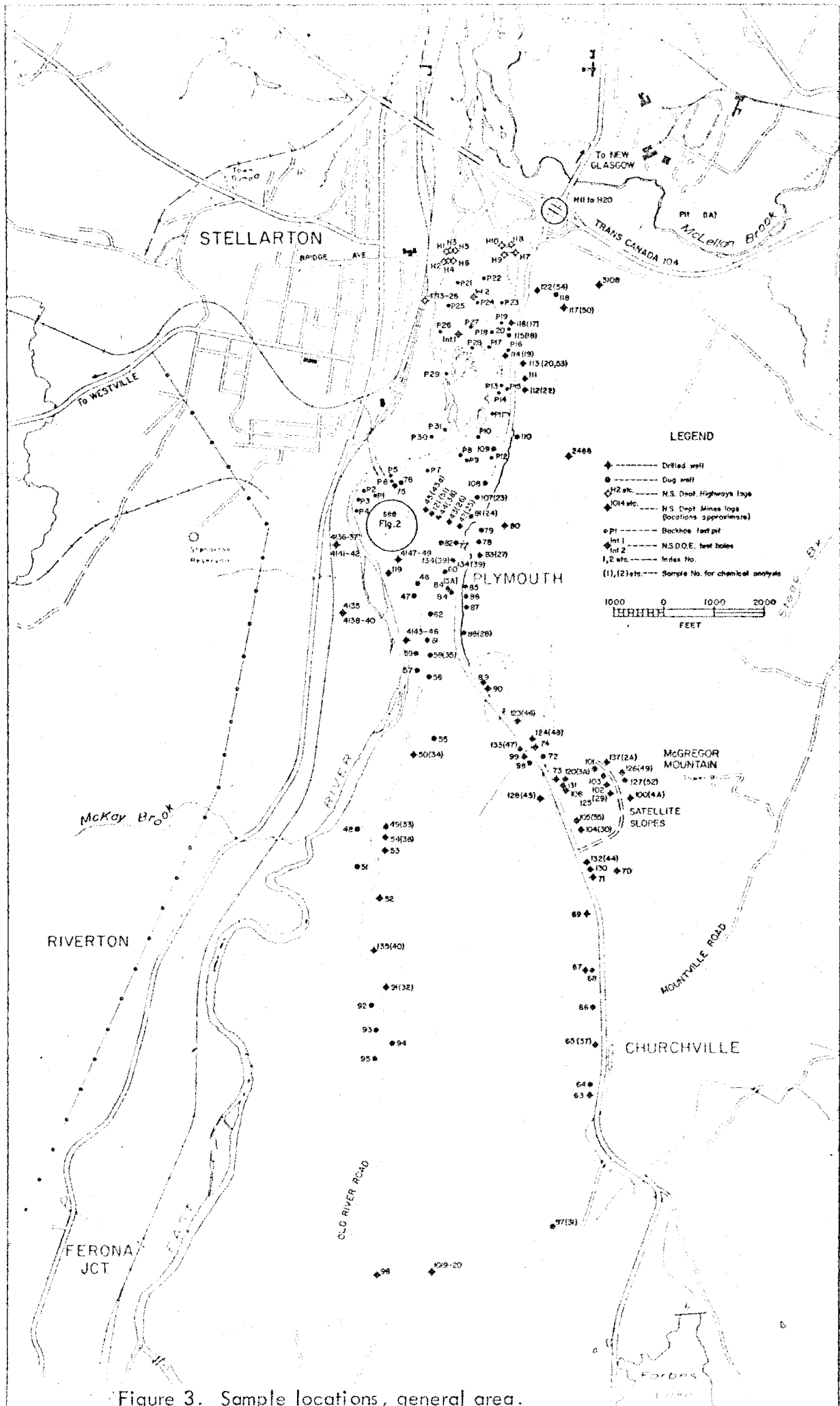


Figure 3. Sample locations, general area.

TABLE OF FORMATIONS TO ACCOMPANY FIGURE 4

CARBONIFEROUS  
PENNSYLVANIAN

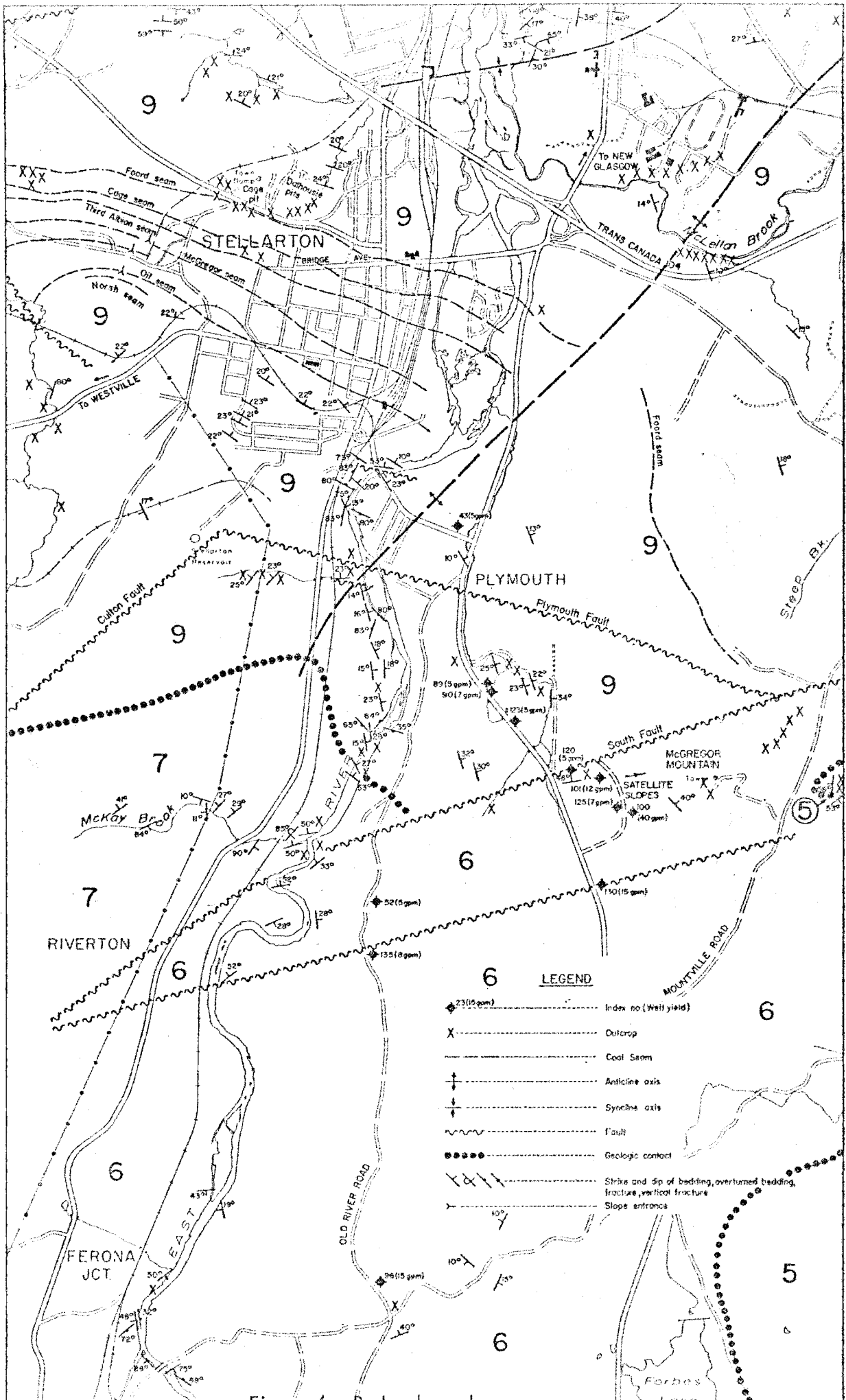
- 9                    STELLARTON SERIES  
                      Grey, red and mottled shale and  
                      sandstone, conglomerate, coal seams
- 8                    CUMBERLAND SERIES  
                      Brownish-red sandstone and shale, grey  
                      sandstone, red and grey conglomerate,  
                      8a, New Glasgow Formation: conglomerate
- 7                    CANSO SERIES  
                      Brownish-red sandstone and shale, grey  
                      sandstone and shale, limestone conglomerate

MISSISSIPPIAN

- 6                    WINDSOR SERIES  
                      Red shale, sandstone, conglomerate,  
                      limestone, gypsum; 6a, basic lava

SILURIAN

- 5                    ARISAIG SERIES  
                      Grey shale and sandstone, calcareous  
                      shale and sandstone



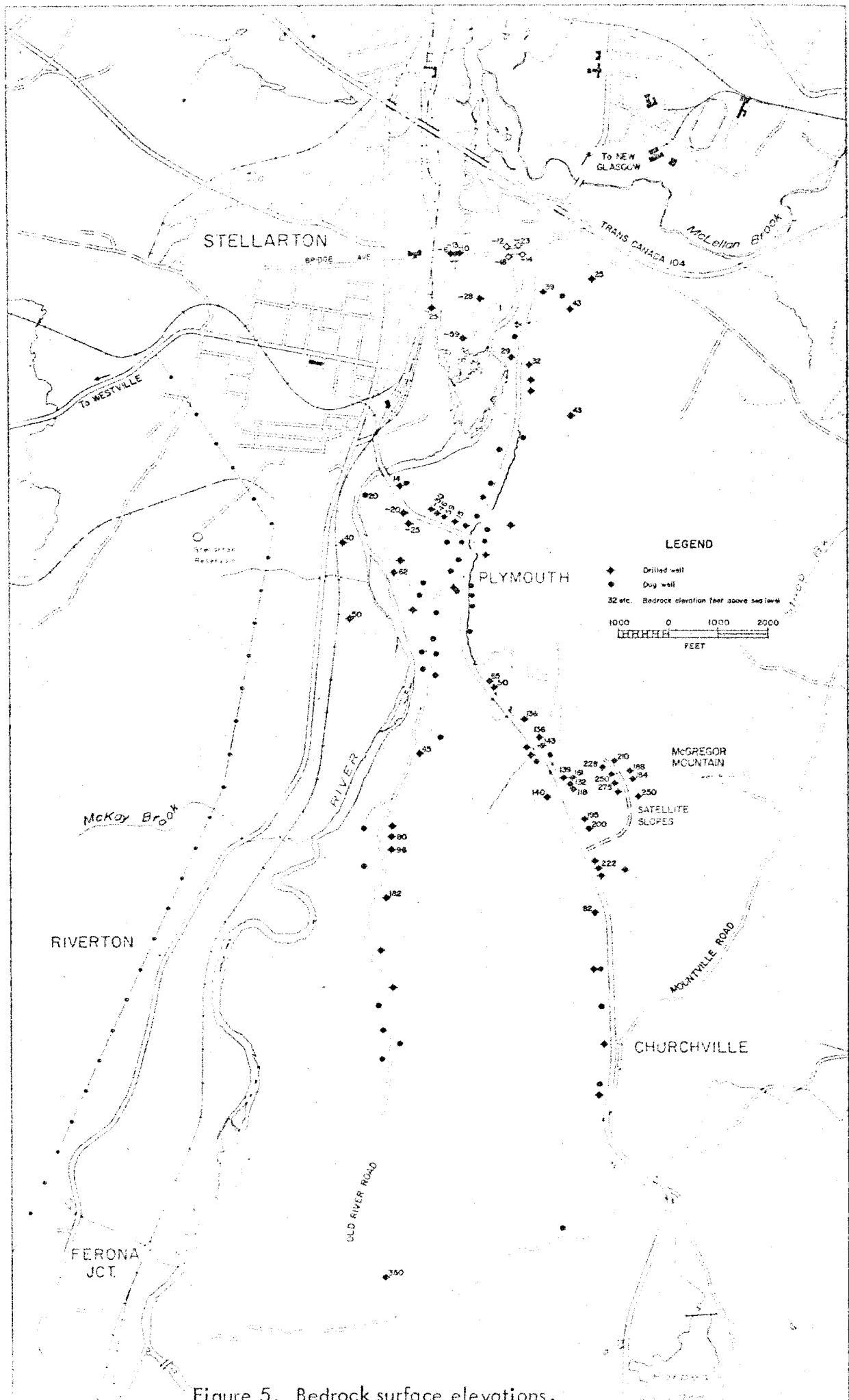


Figure 5. Bedrock surface elevations.

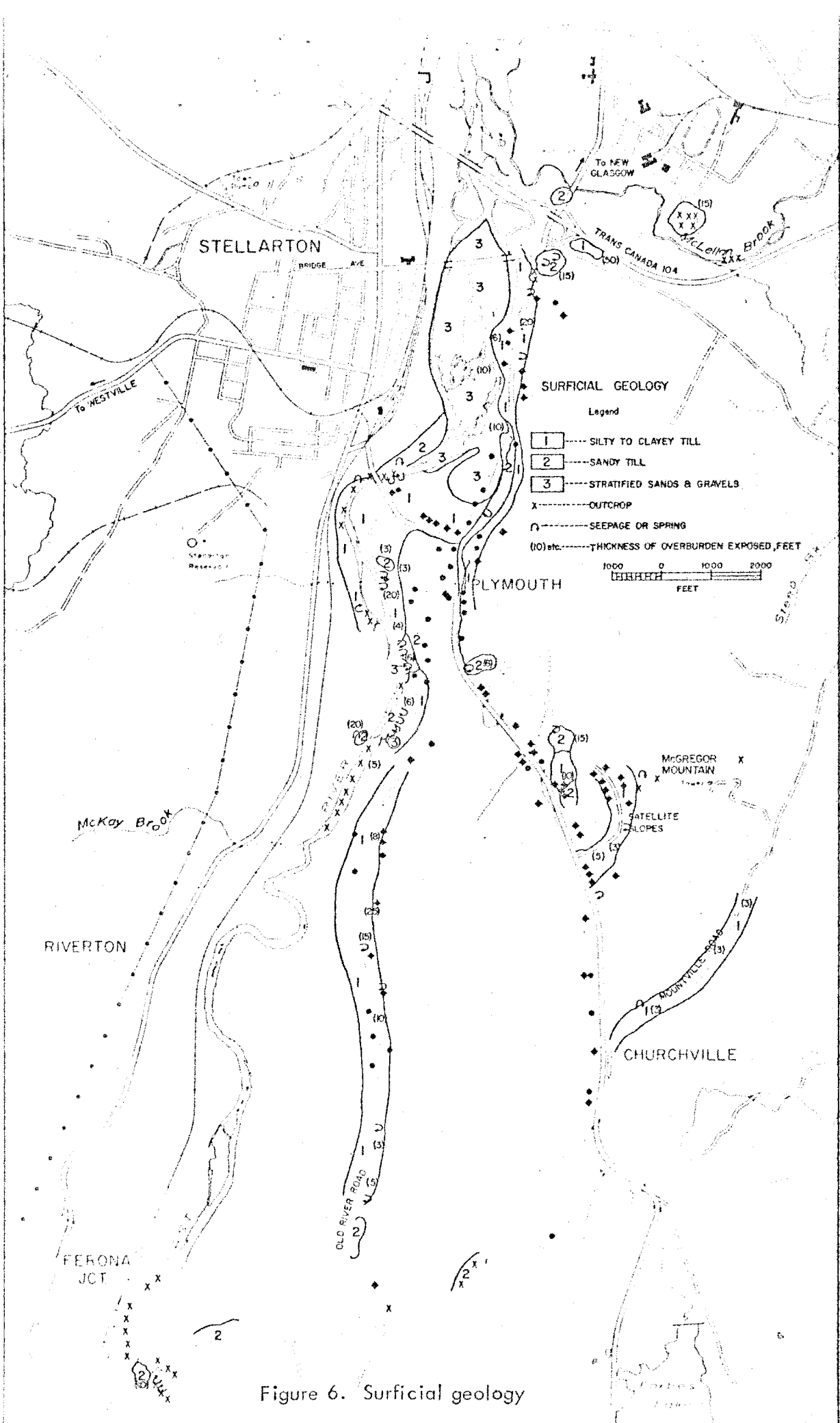


Figure 6. Surficial geology

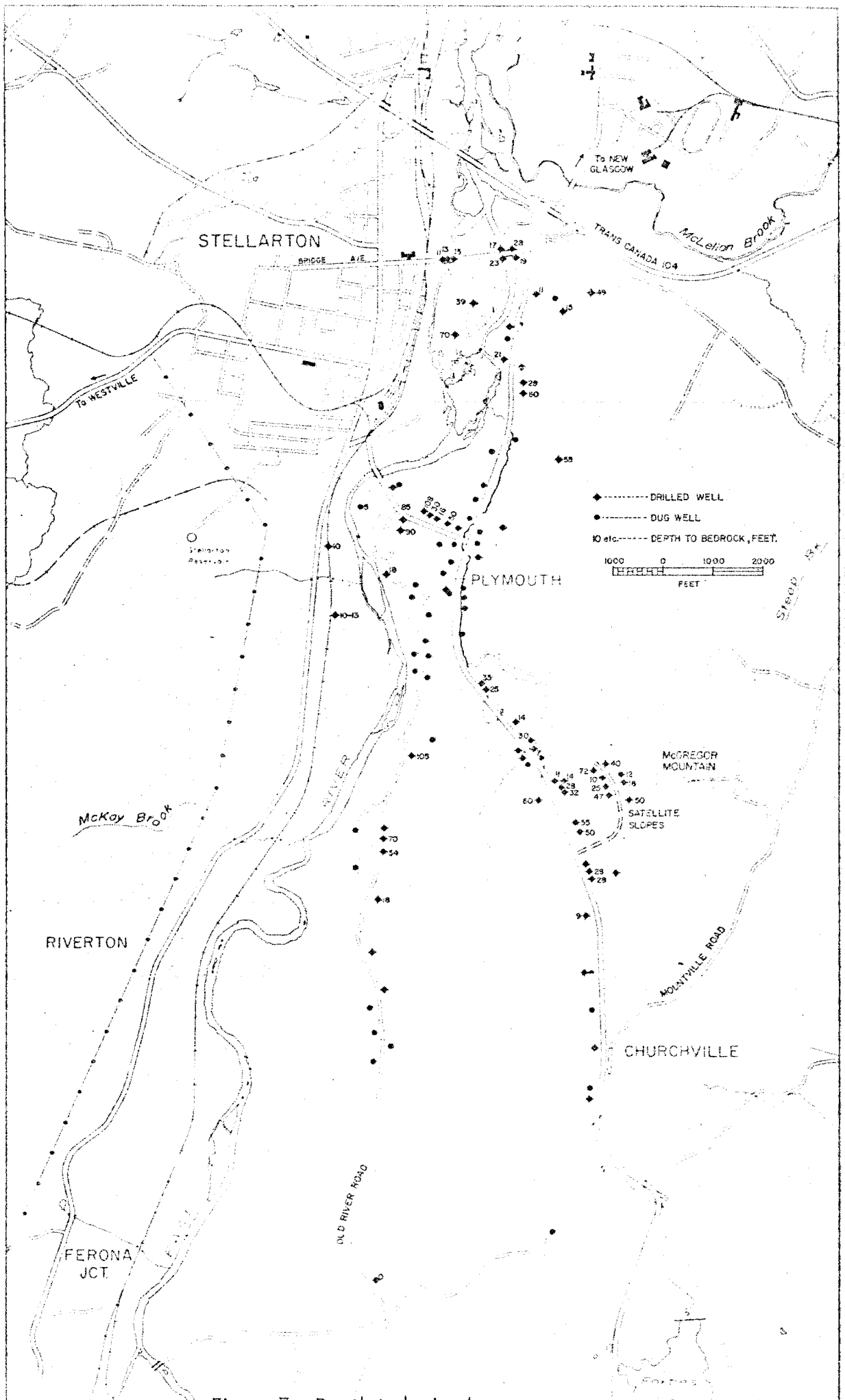


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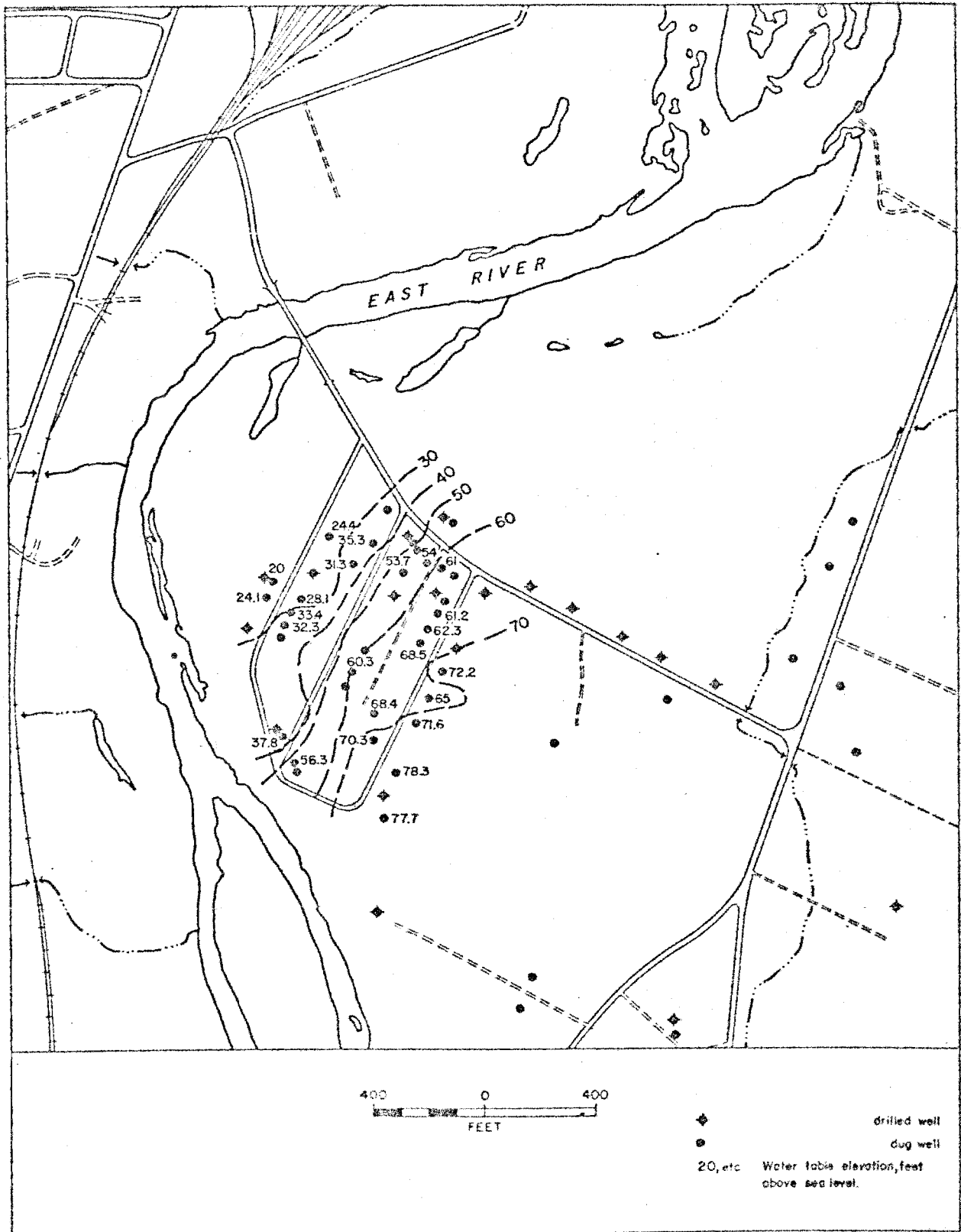


Figure 8. Water table elevations, Park area.

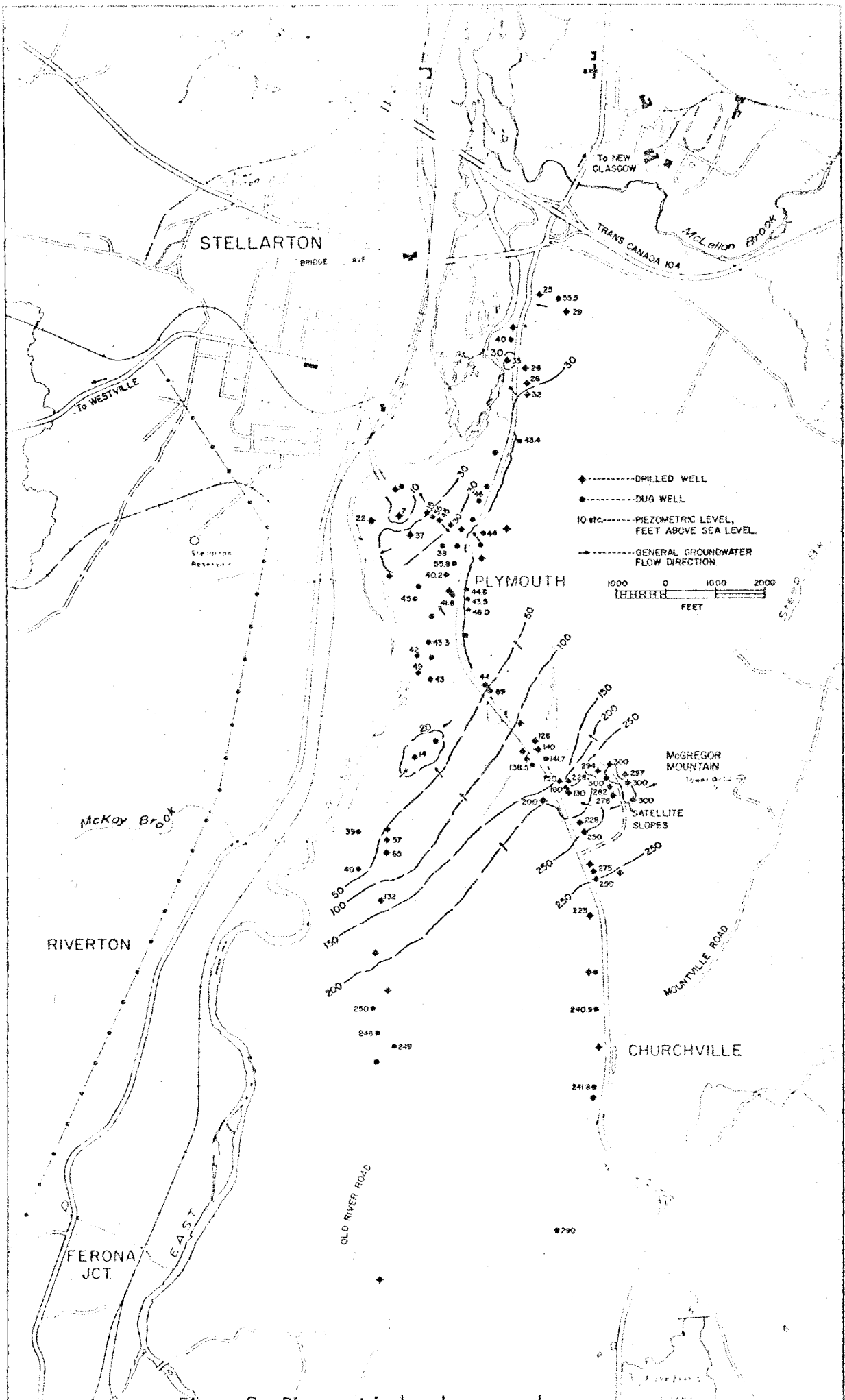


Figure 9. Piezometric levels, general area



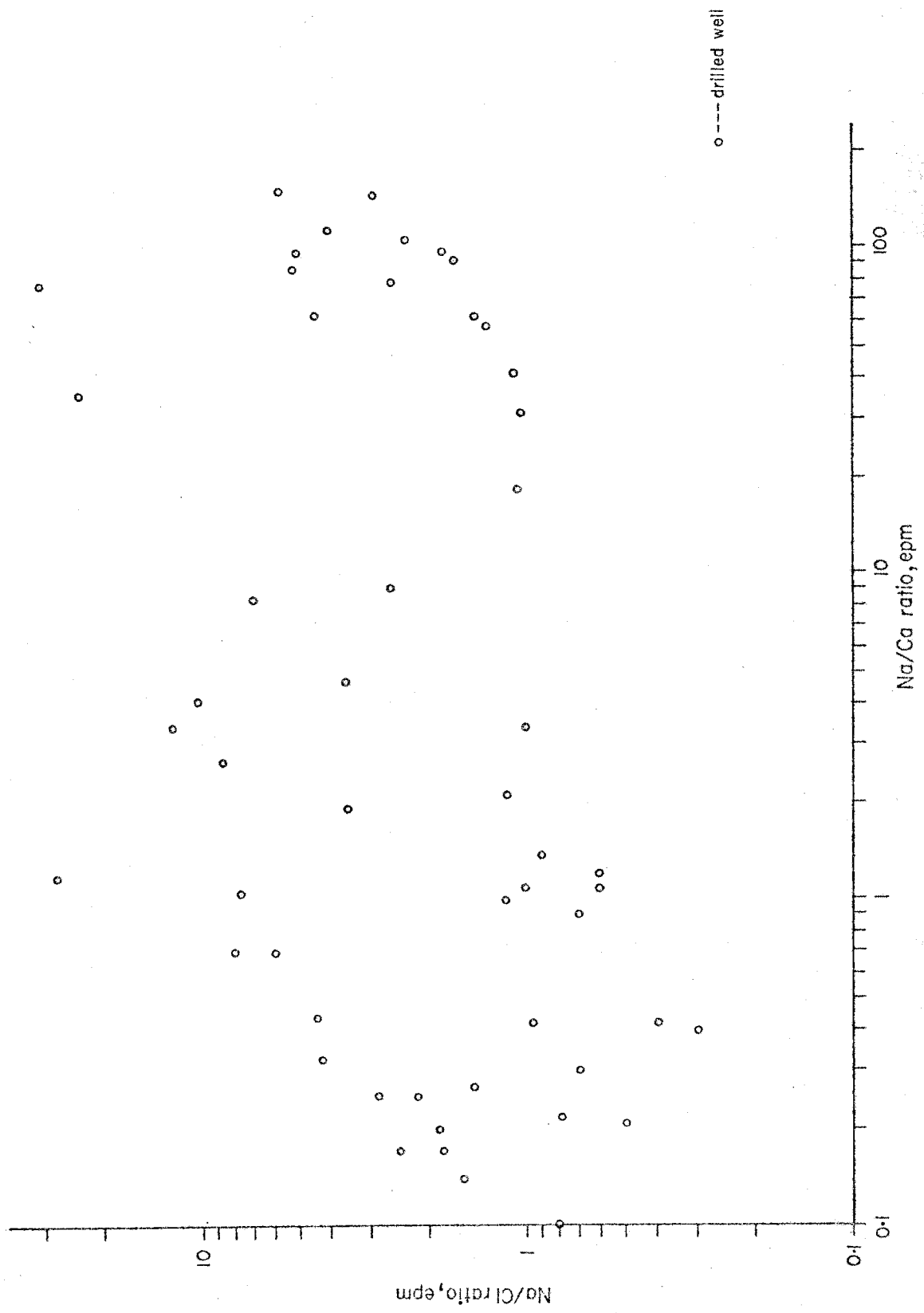


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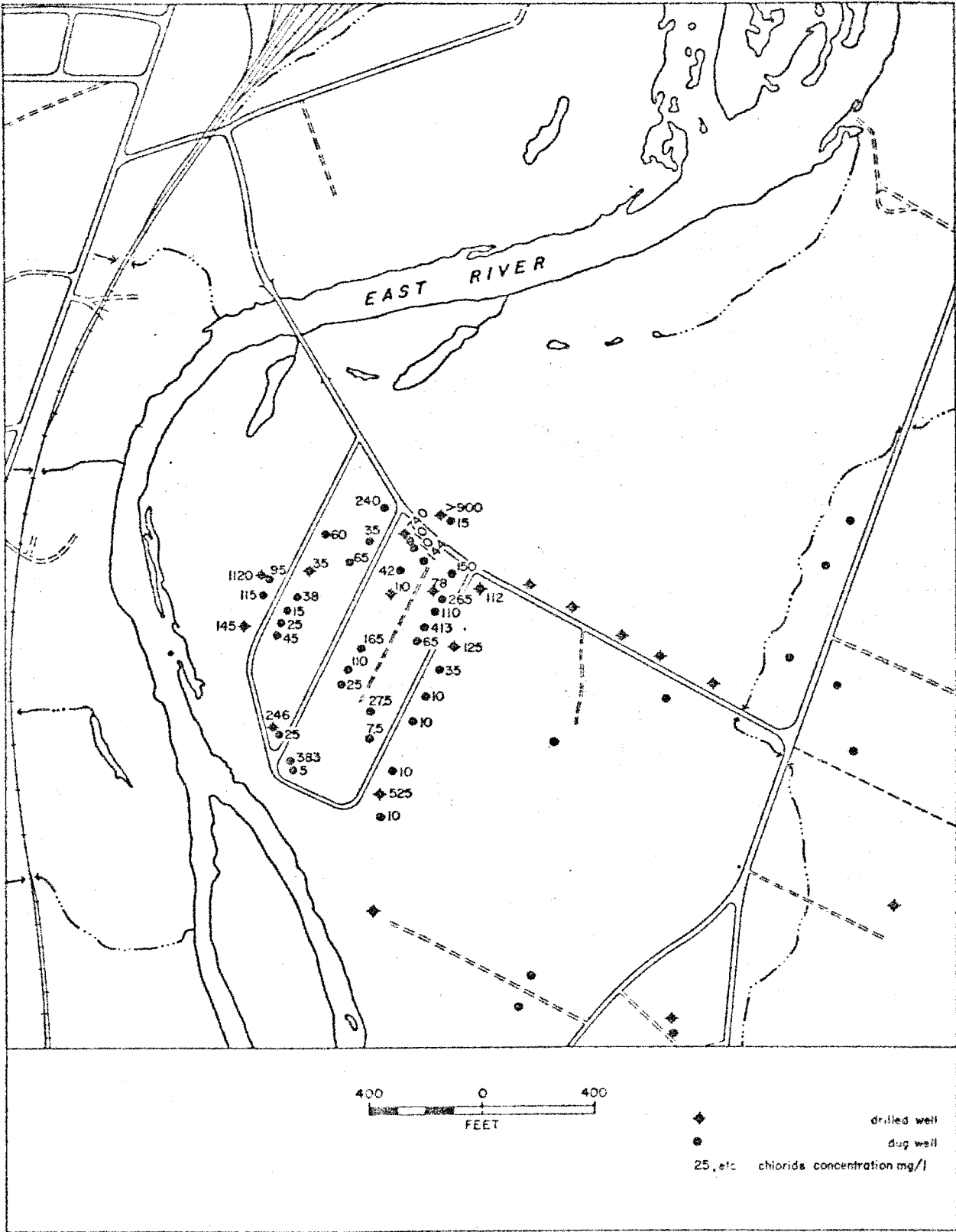
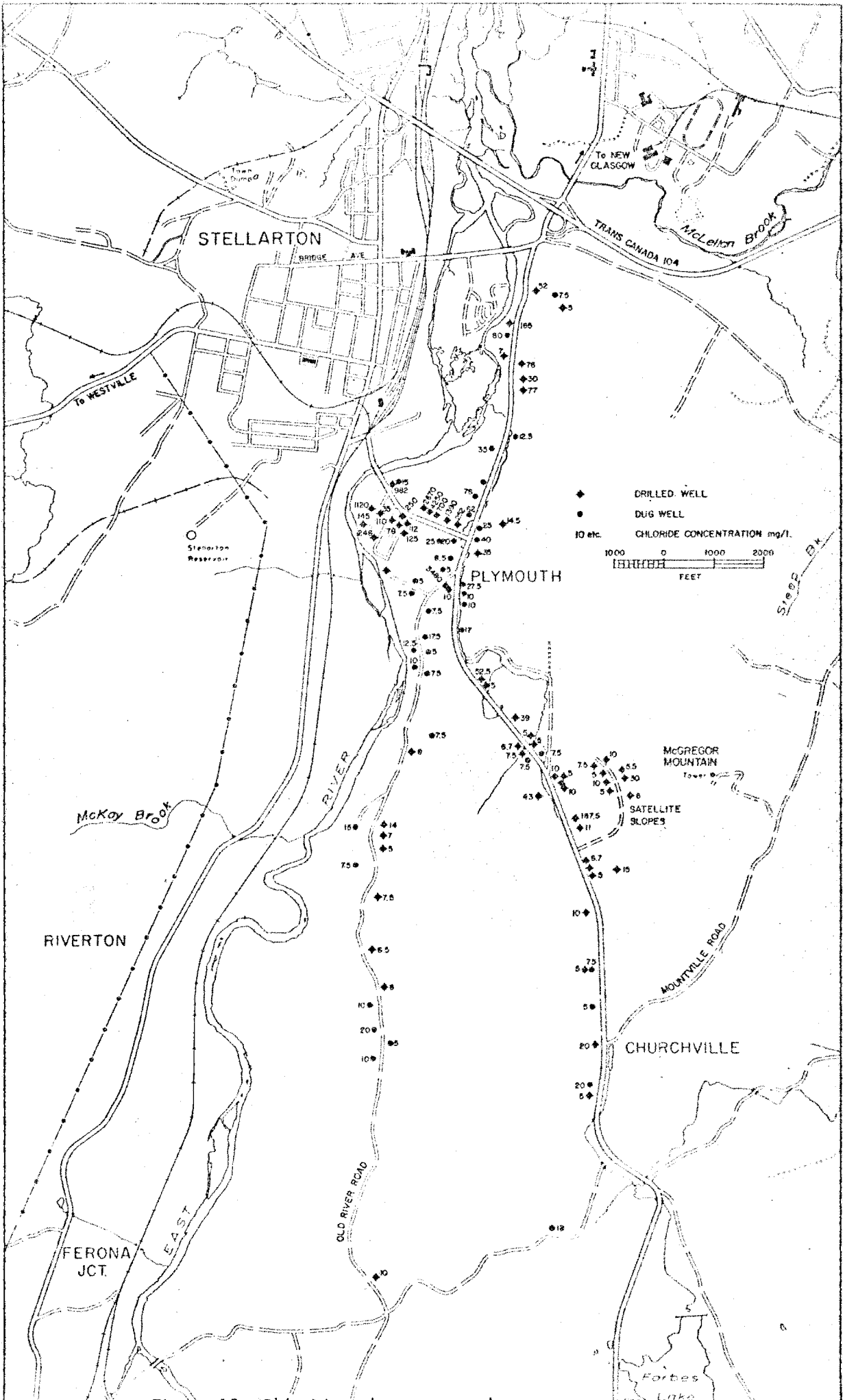


Figure 12. Chloride values, Park area.



STELLARTON

To NEW GLASGOW

TRANS CANADA 104

McLeish Brook

To WESTVILLE

Stearns Reservoir

◆ DRILLED WELL  
 ● DUG WELL  
 10 etc. CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION mg/l.  
 1000 0 1000 2000  
 FEET

PLYMOUTH

McKay Brook

RIVERTON RIVER

McGREGOR MOUNTAIN

SATELLITE SLOPES

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MOUNTVILLE ROAD

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OLD RIVER ROAD

Forbes Lake

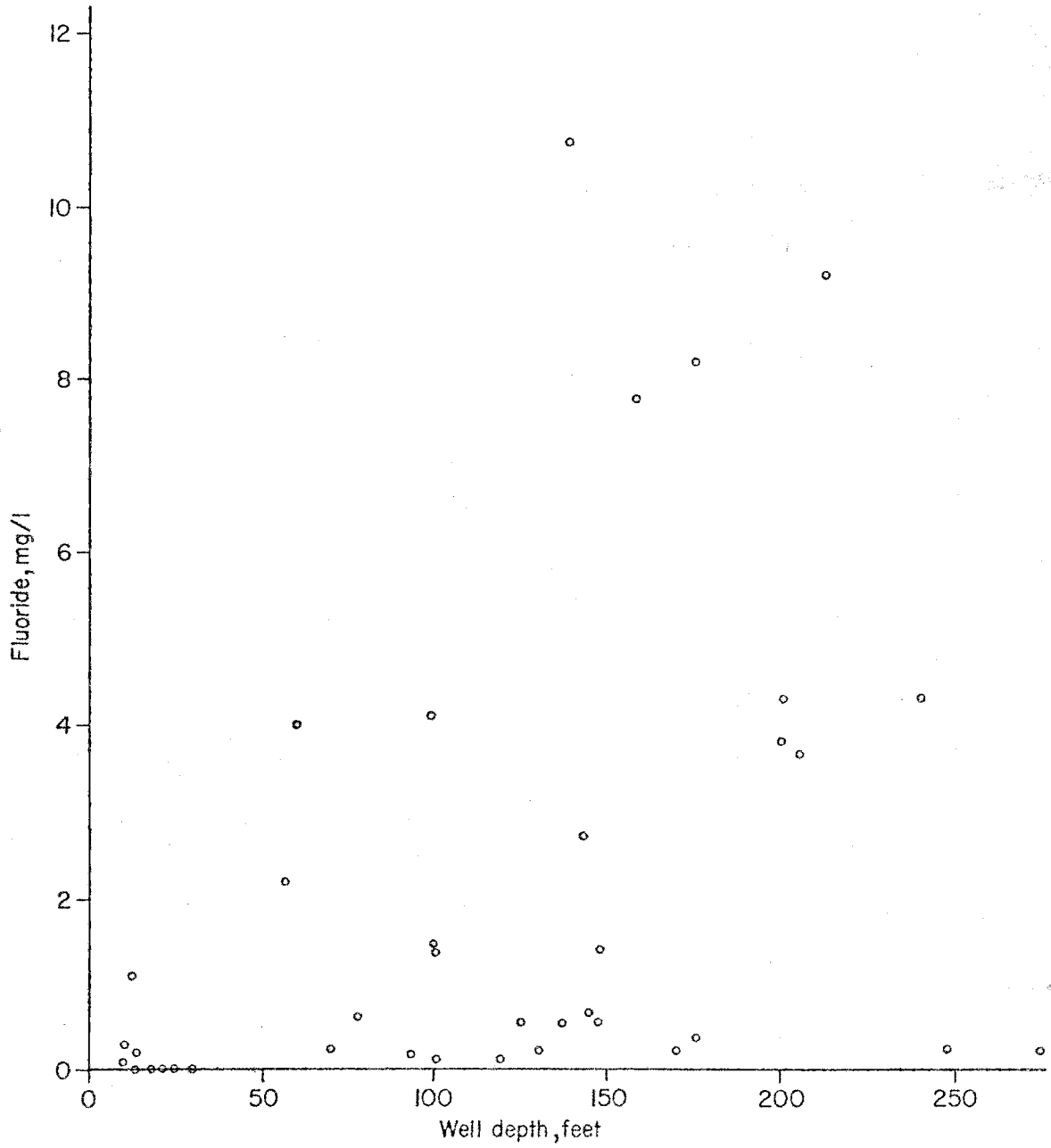


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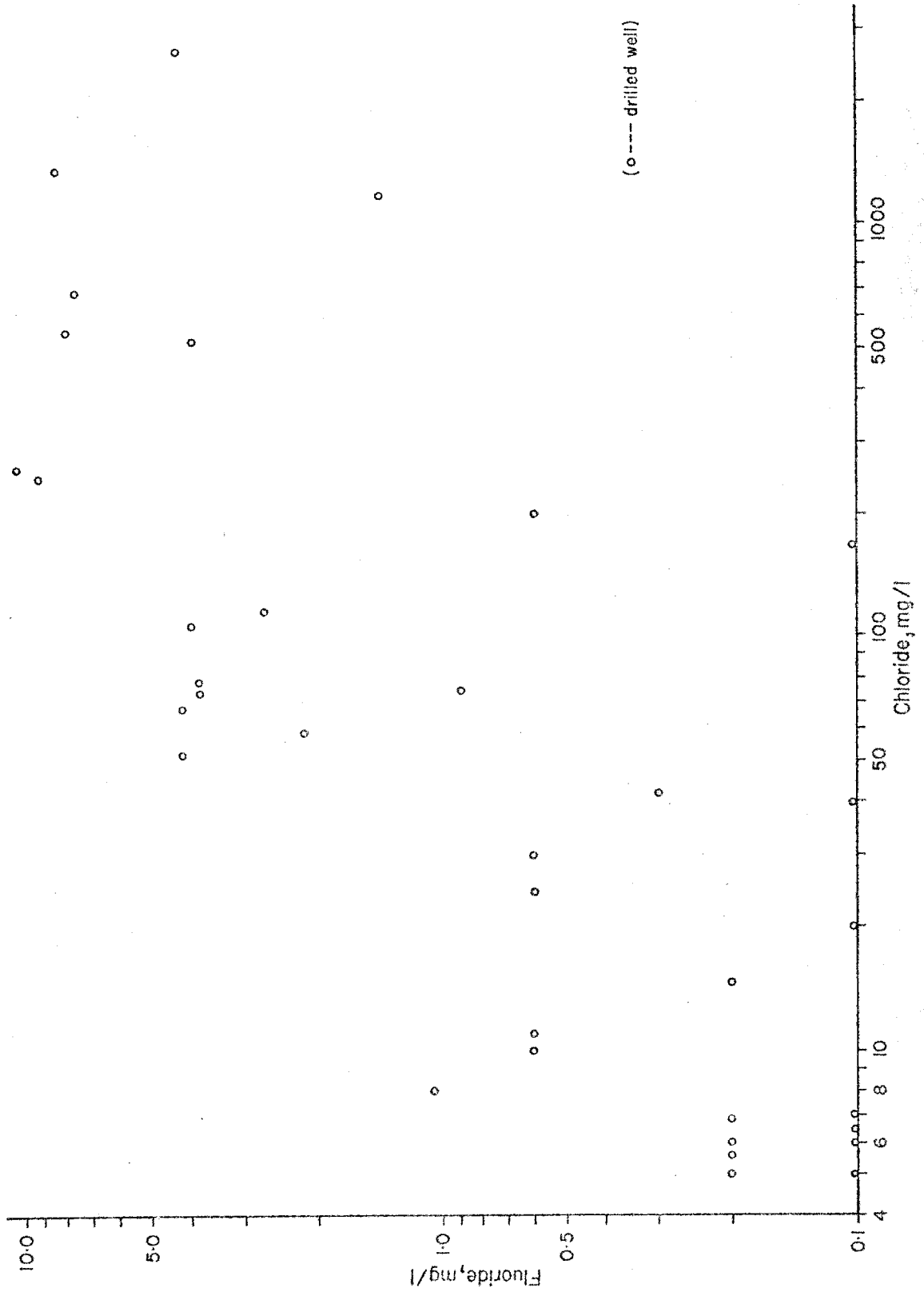


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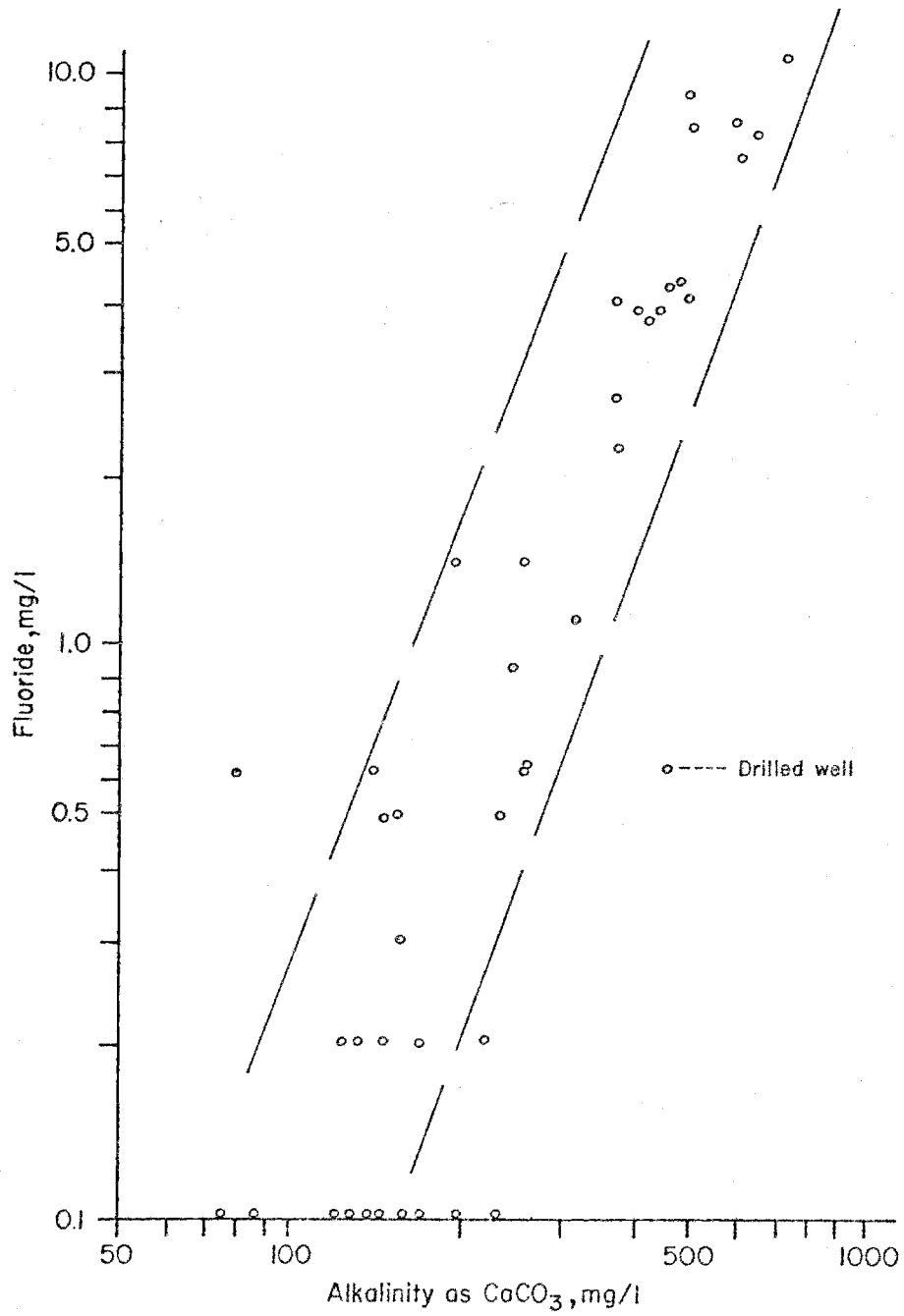


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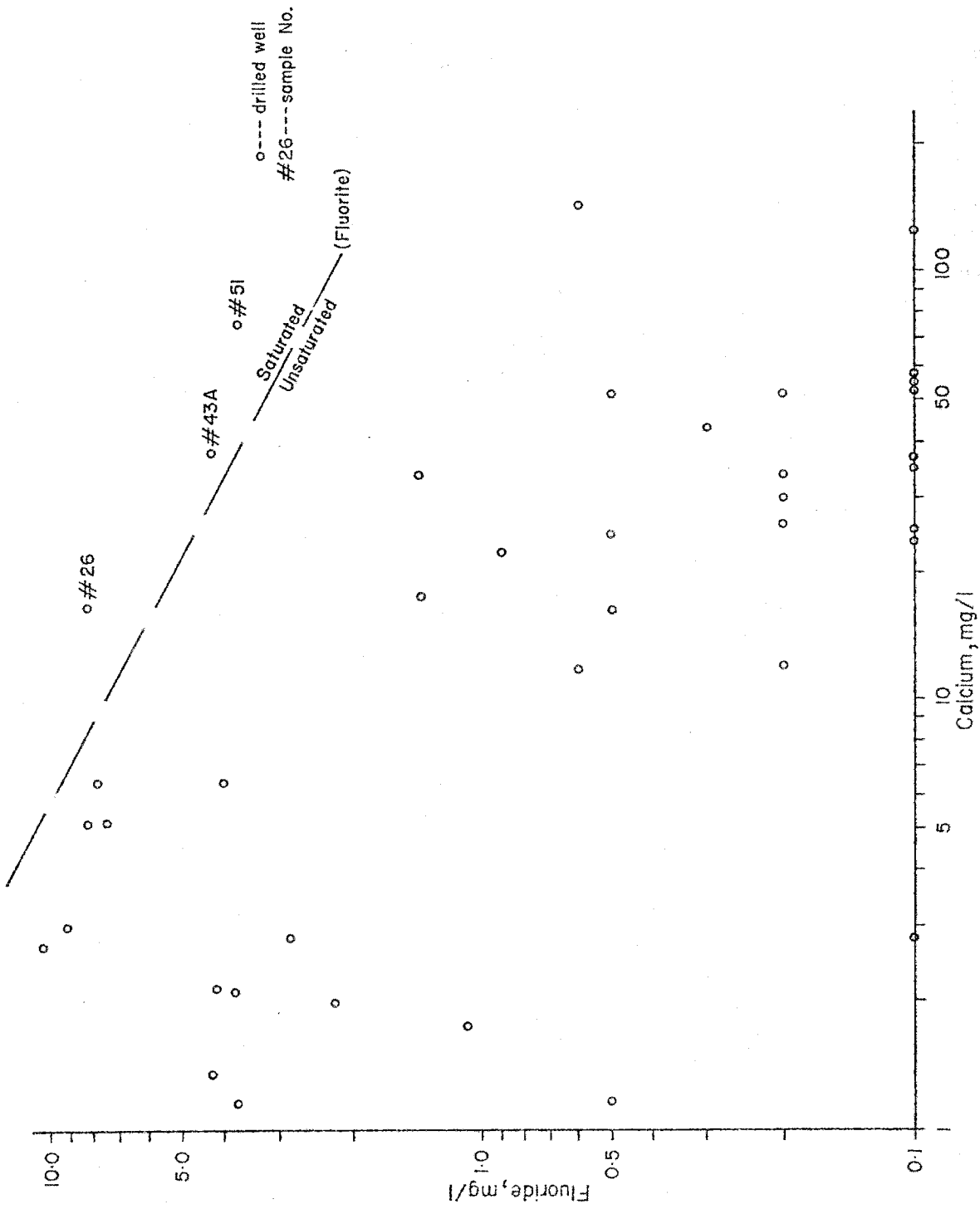


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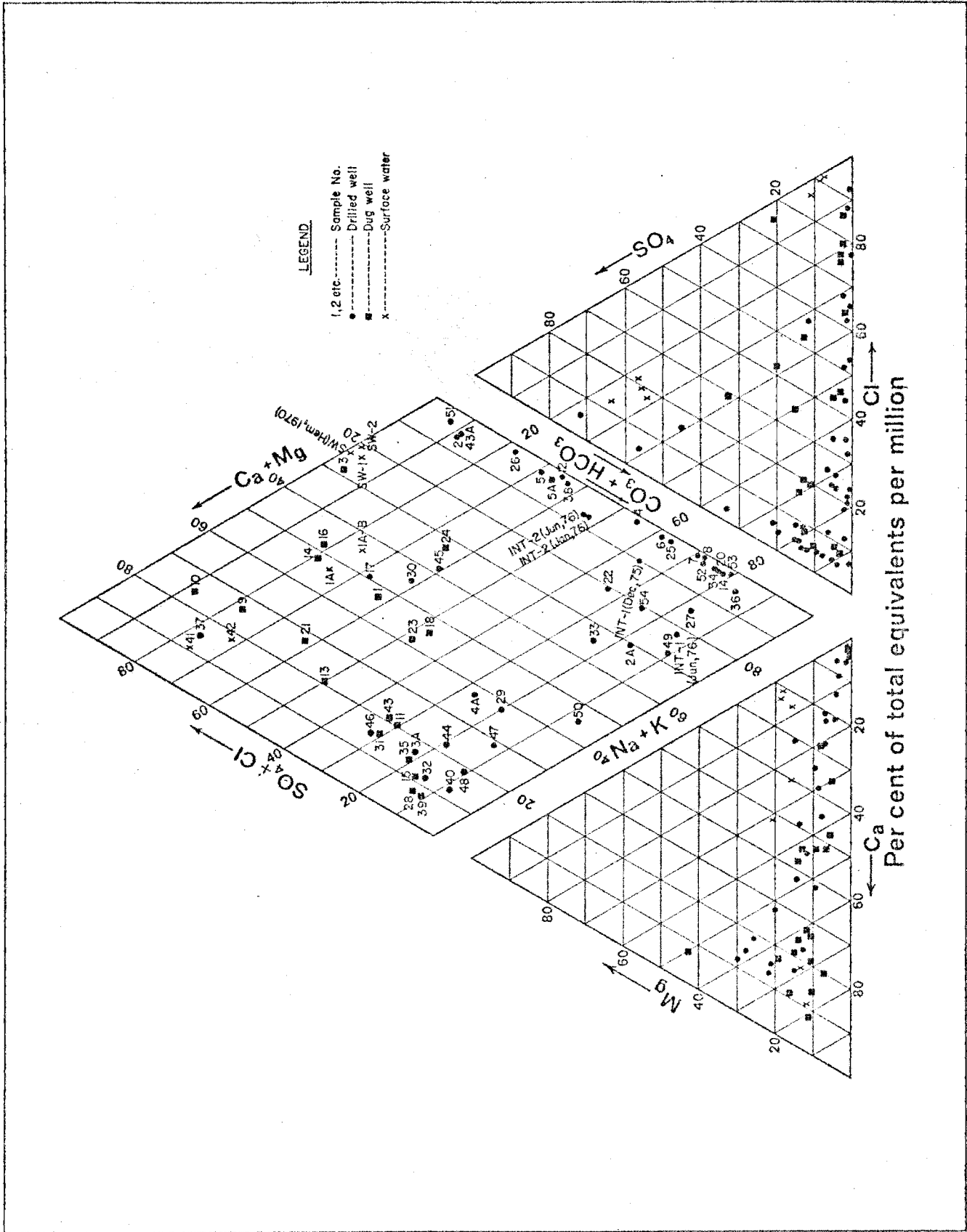


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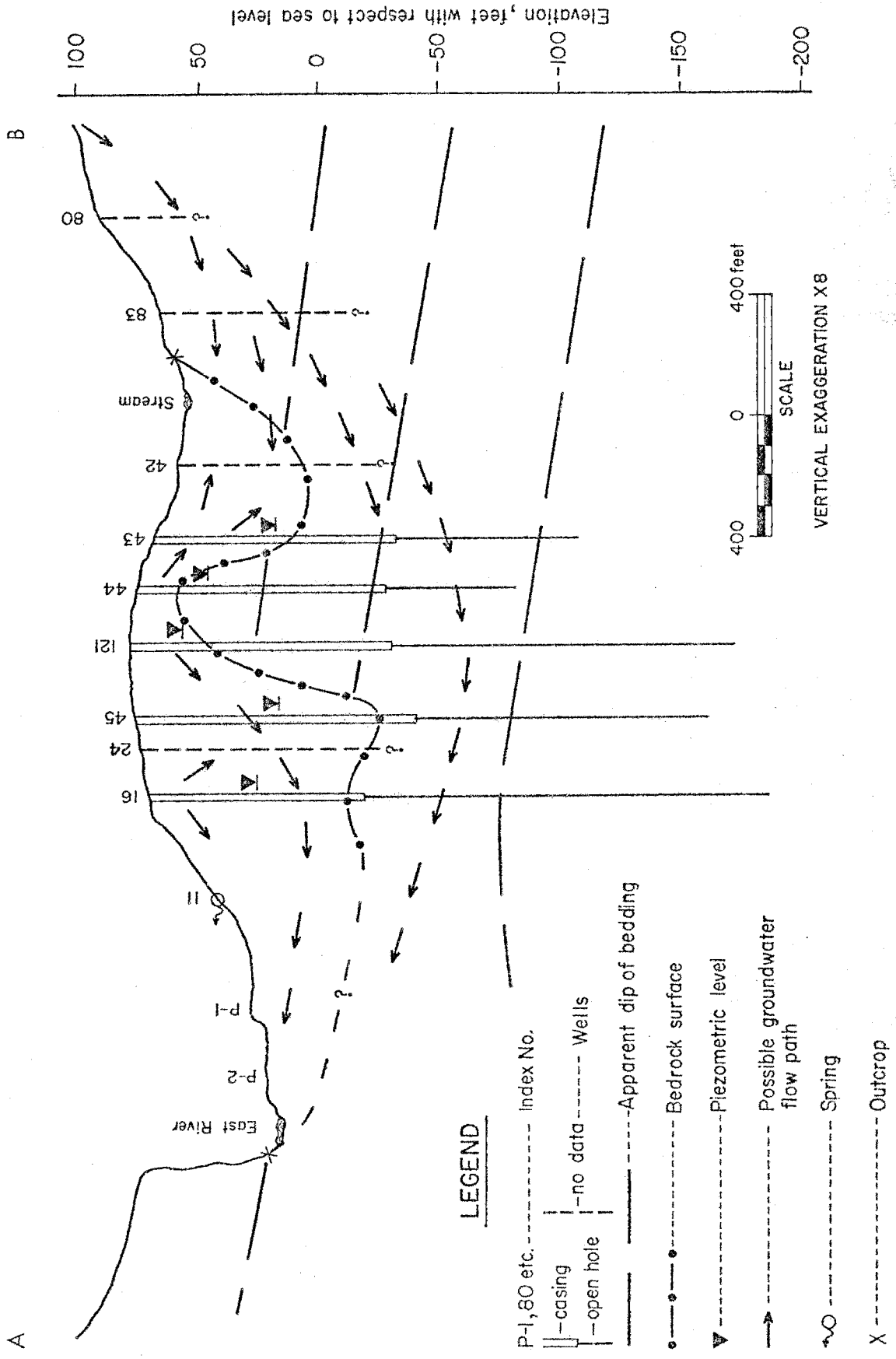


Figure 19. Cross section A-B.

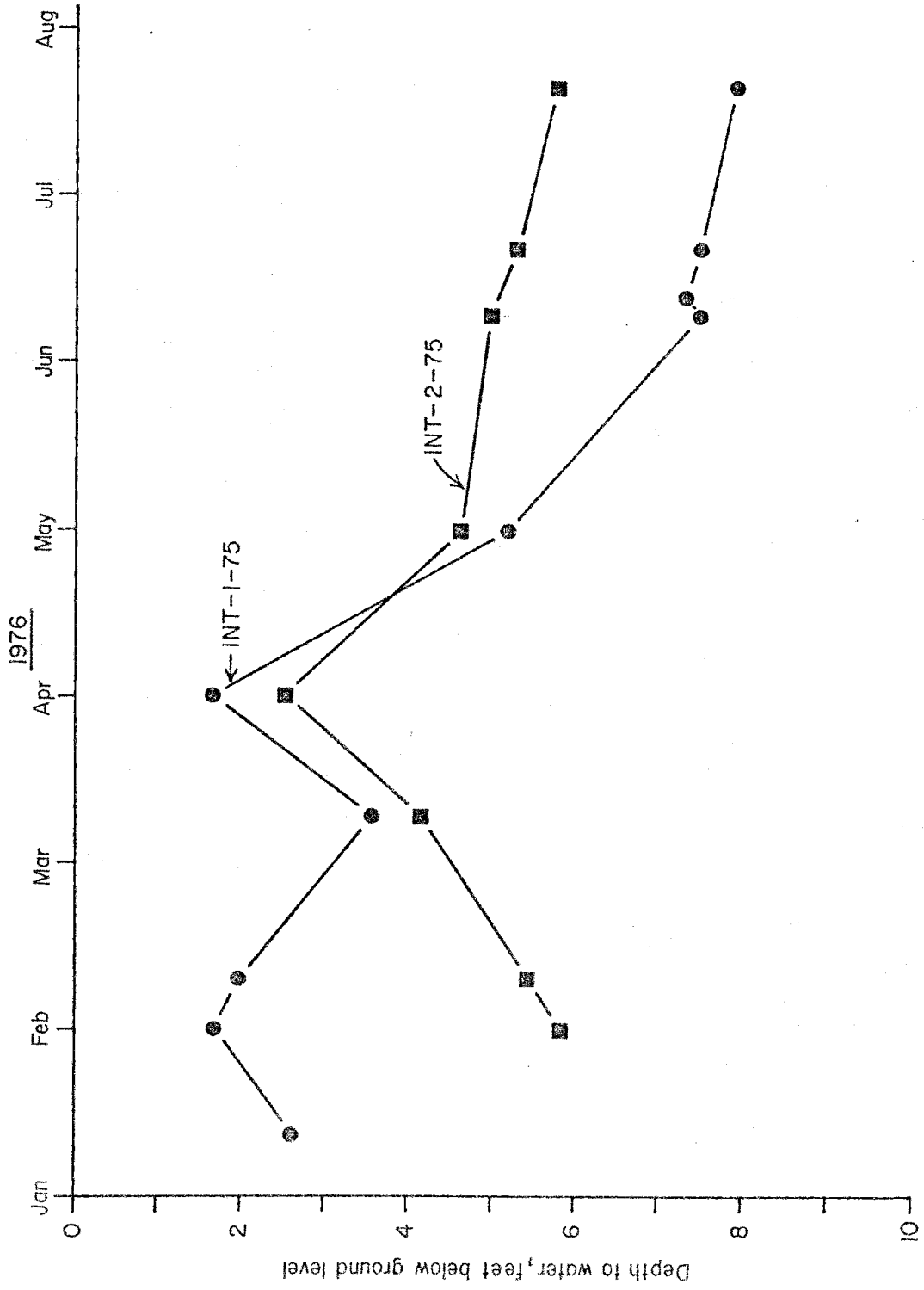


Figure 20. Water level fluctuations in testholes, January to July 1976.

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									Alkalinity mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Chloride mg/l	Total hardness mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>			Temperature °F
1.	David McKay	Dug	9.25		2.5	5.6			85	60	119		Cracked, unsealed, no apron, wooden cover	Dry occasionally
2.	William Malloy	Drilled							40	35	60			Water hard
3.	Albert McKay	Dug	10.5		1.5	6.9			15	35	40		Cracked, unsealed, no apron	
4.	Helen McKenzie	Dug	11.2		2.0	7.6			5	15	20		Cracked to 1.1 ft. above ground, no apron	
5.	C. Urquhart	Drilled	147	20.3		10.0	1.5-2	Bedrock conglomerate, soft at finish	192	1120	113	58	Cracked to 0.75 ft. above ground, iron cover	Sulfur and iron taste
6.	C. Urquhart	Dug	9.7		1.75	6.9			12	95	40		Cracked to 3 feet above ground	
7.	Allan McKay	Dug	8.75		2.5	5.9			10	115	69	60		Sulfur odor, salt, iron, sediment and corrosion.
8.	Roy MacQuarrie	Drilled							190	145	10		Cracked to 1.9 ft. above ground, cement apron	Tap sample due to heavy cover. Bored well on property not used due to iron problems.
9.	Russell Henderson	Dug	12-14						30	45	65			
10.	Henry Highton	Dug	26		2.75	7.75		0-26 sand, clay, gravel & large boulders	30	25	50			
11.	R. Cunningham	Spring							48	240	300	68		Possible surface runoff from neighbour's sink drain
12.	Roland Narin	Dug	10		2.3	4.7			70	35	80		Cracked, located 15 ft. from and 1-2 ft. below road level.	Possible surface runoff and oil contamination.
13.	Elaine Rhyno	Dug	12.5		2.0	8.75			50	65	100		Cracked to ground level	Located 20 ft. and 1 ft. downslope from road
14.	John Gillis	Drilled	21.3		4"				488	246	10	51		Drilled by Dept. of Highways since dug well had road salt. Drilled well has sulfur odor.
15.	John Gillis	Dug	13.9		2.0	7.25			20	25	80	49	Cracked to 1.3 ft. above ground, no apron	
16.	Gordon Fraser	Drilled	260	90		48	3.5	0-85 mixed clay and gravel, 85-260 soft conglomerate with bands of red slate	585	740	19		Well later reamed out and gravel packed from 122-260 ft. Flow reduced to 1 1/2 gpm.	
17.	Gordon Fraser	Dug	8.2		2.5	3.4			175	10	180	49	Cracked to 0.5 ft. above ground	Well in basement
18.	DeBruyn	Dug	21.3		2.0	11.3			100	42	157		Cracked to ground level	Located 4 ft. from end level with road.
19.	G. Fraser	Dug	19		2.0	4.0			105	10	130	58	Cracked to ground level	Located in basement and used for drinking.
20.	Scott McDonald	Dug	22.5		2.0	11.0			128	24	144		Cracked to 2.0 ft. above basement level	
21.	Mrs. Glen	Dug	6.0		3.0				120	165	340			

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22.	Hugh Russell	Dug	7.7		2.5	4.7			40	110	90		In basement	Dry occasionally
23.	J. Robertson	Dug	24		3.0	low			125	25	40			
24.	Raymond McKay	Drilled	99		4"				485	112	8			50
25.	C. V. Ronstar	Drilled	143	81	4"	38	3	Gravel, then bands of conglomerate, shale, and red sandstone	357	125	9			56
26.	A. McMillen	Drilled	150	100				0-60 clay, 60-90 fine sand Bedrock - fine grained siltstone	393	78	5			58
27.	A. McMillan	Dug							120	265	366		Extends 0.75 ft. above ground, wooden cover	Top sample.
28.	L. Urquhart	Dug	19.7		2.0	8.9			90	110	200			67
29.	T. Stroud	Drilled	24		3"				140	110	260		Drilled through an old 3 ft. diameter dug well	
30.	E. Keffock	Dug	14.9		2.6	8.7			20	5	25		Cracked to 1.5 ft. above ground wooden cover	
31.	E. Keffock	Dug	3.75		1.75	2.5			132	383	318		Cracked, no apron, 3 ft. down-slope from road	Not used because of odour and taste
32.	E. Cameron	Dug	10.75		1.75	6.7			15	10	30		Cracked to 0.75 ft. above ground, no apron, steel cover	
33.	G. Naugler	Drilled	60						360	535	23		Top 2.7 ft. above ground	Abundant water supply
34.	B. Taylor	Dug	12.3		2.0	7.0		Encountered sand & gravel when digging	10	10	40			50
35.	J. Duncan	Dug	14.9		2.0	9.7			10	7.5	20			50
36.	L. Dunbar	Dug	16.95		2.0	11.6			70	27.5	95		Cracked to 0.9 ft. above ground, no apron, tin cover	Dry in summer
37.	W. Clark	Dug	15.25		1.50	8.4			90	10	100		Cracked to 1.6 ft. above ground no apron	Rust, odour
38.	B. Allen	Dug	16.25		1.5	15			200	10	213		Top 1.5 ft. above ground. Well gravel-packed	Dry occasionally
39.	V. Taylor	Dug	7.5		1.5	2.9			150	35	200			56
40.	H. Conway	Dug	14.2		1.75	7.7			153	413	384		Cracked to 2.5 ft. above ground, no apron	40 ft. from and level with road - possible salt contamination
41.	J. Taylor	Dug	13.75		2.0	6.5			60	25	100		Top 0.6 ft. above ground	
42.	S. Stewart	Drilled	138-140				5	0-50 mud & sand, 50-90 mud, sand & red shale, 100-175 red shale	720	252	10			56
43.	R. Foote	Drilled	175	100	6"	46			594	1390	55			56



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									Alkalinity mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Chloride mg/l	Total hardness mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>			
44.	R. Roehk	Drilled	158	105	4"	30	2	0-8 ovbn, 8-16 gravel, 16-45 soft red sh, 45-62 black coal sh, 62-85 soft red sh, 85-107 soft grey sh, 102-158 red sh	628	700	23	60		
45.	J. Wadden	Drilled	240	119	6"	60	2	0-108 clay & gravel, 108-160 red sh, 160-200 gray sh, 200-240 red sh	465	2670	138	58	Cracked to 2 ft. above ground	Costly
46.	J. Donrach	Dug	14		2.5				50	5	70		Cracked to 2 ft. above ground	Filled with town water ~ 1 week before sampling.
47.	J. MacDonald	Dug	16		1.75	5.0			130	7.5	130	52	Cracked to 2.3 ft. above ground	
48.	W. Fraser	Dug	19.5		2.0	11.0			70	15	80	48	Cracked to 6.5 ft. above ground	
49.	G. Atwater	Drilled	247	>100	6"				212	14	90	58		Previous analysis, Jan. 12/72; hard 163 mg/l, alk 150, Fe 0.5, Cl 20, SO <sub>4</sub> 30, NO <sub>3</sub> -N 3, pH 7.8
50.	R. Polson	Drilled	247	107	6"	20	1	0-105 gravel & bldrs, 105-194 red ss, 194-245 gray sh, 245-247 red sh	309	8	6.3	62		
51.	A. Ross	Dug	13.6		2.0	10.0			20	7.5	15	49	Rocked to ground level, wooden cover	Dry in summer.
52.	M. Conway	Drilled	123	21	5	18	5	0-18 mud & bldrs, 18-123 red shale	165	7.5	170	62		
53.	R. MacDonald	Drilled	160	61	5	35	1	0-54 ovbn, 54-120 hard red ss, 120-130 gray ss, 130-160 red ss	170	5	150	60		
54.	A. Weir	Drilled	135	72	4	43	3	0-20 ovbn, 20-70 mud, bldrs, gravel, 70-90 red sh, 90-135 red ss	225	7	11	62		Water softener installed.
55.	L. Rogers	Dug	12						100	7.5	120	63	3-4 tile crack, with cover, in basement	
56.	C. Ramscar	Dug	20		2.5	7.0		Clay and some shale	30	7.5	50		Galvanized crack to 4 feet above ground	Well overflows in spring.
57.	B. Nelson	Dug	4		2.0				75	10	50	54	Cracked to 0.5 ft. above ground, wooden cover	Two old drilled wells exist - 35-6-385 ft. hit salt water.
58.	G. Adamson	Dug	14		2.0			Red clay	81	5	88		Covered with cement then rod. Considerable gravel around well	
59.	S. Young	Dug	10.75		1.2	8.0			35	12.5	35	54	Cracked to 1.7 ft. above basement floor.	
60.	H. Doucette	Dug	16.25		2.0	9.9		0-12 clay, sand, bldrs. Gravel vein with water at 12 feet.	130	5	145			1971 analysis: hard 176 mg/l, alk. 175 mg/l, Fe 0.11, Cl 27, SO <sub>4</sub> 7, NO <sub>3</sub> -N 5.6, pH 7.7
61.	J. Stewart	Dug	14.6		2.0	6.7			50	17.5	80	53	Cracked to 0.4 ft. above ground, wooden cover	

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									Alkalinity mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Chloride mg/l	Total hardness mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>			Temperature °F.
62.	R. Jackson	Dug	5						50	7.5	70	60	Spring	
63.	J.C. Haggan	Drilled	123						165	5	135	61		
64.	G. Comerion	Dug	11.5		2.0	8.25			35	20	125	55	One cement crack to 0.9 ft. above ground, 1.0 ft. below	
65.	M. Williams	Drilled							139	20	478	52		
66.	F. MacIntosh	Dug	20.1		2.0	9.2			15	5	140	52	Cracked to 0.4 ft. above ground, wooden cover	
67.	W. Murphy	Drilled							160	5	95	56		
68.	W. Murphy	Dug							110	7.5	120	53	Level with ground	
69.	L. Delmonite	Drilled	84	16	4"	12	2	0-9 overburden, 9-84 red limestone	95	10	110	55		
70.	H. Sutherland	Drilled							130	15	145	58		Supplies approximately 13 trailers (Hemlock Trailer Court).
71.	A. Boudoux	Drilled	100						150	5	140	56		
72.	J. MacKay	Dug	9.6		2.5	8.3			80	7.5	95	53	Cracked to 4.7 ft. above ground	
73.	F. MacDonald	Drilled	183	26	5	0	2	0-11 mud, 11-139 red & gray shale, 139-149 green shale, 149-155 red shale, 155-168 green shale, 168-183 red shale	110	10	30	63		
74.	G. Vickers	Drilled	148	21	5	10	3	0-7 mud & boulders, 7-148 red shale	160	5	20	56		
75.	C. Poulain	Drilled	100						300	>900	120	59		
76.	C. Poulain	Dug	25						100	15	135			
77.	E. Kellcock	Dug							90	20	140			Not used for drinking.
78.	G. Gillis	Dug	15						105	40	115		5 cracks on bed of brook	
79.	D. Gould	Dug	11		2.0	6.0		Fine grained sand near bottom	100	25	100	54	Cracked to 2.3 ft. above basement floor.	
80.	W. J. Conway	Drilled	36						200	14.5	30	68	Drilled 16 ft. through a 20 ft. dug well in the basement	
81.	D. Anderson	Dug							60	62	59	63		
82.	A. J. Post	Dug	26		5.5	12.0			252	25	46	52	Racked to ground, wooden cover, located behind barn.	
83.	G. Thompson	Drilled	78						235	35	40	58		
84.	Plymouth School	Dug	14.4		2	8.4			40	10	60	53		Presently using a 300 foot drilled well.
85.	S. MacFarlane	Dug	10		2.5	5.3			30	27.5	30	55	Cracked, iron cover	

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86.	J.W. Thompson	Dug	8.3		2.0	6.5			70	10	100	Cracked to 1.6 ft above ground	
87.	G. DeYoung	Dug	7.25		2.5	4.0			40	10	40		Dry in summer.
88.	R. Rennie	Dug	14		3.0				261	17	264		Supplies two houses.
89.	F. Blackie	Drilled	70	41	4"	6	5	0-35 overburden, 35-70 red shale	80	52.5	130		
90.	R. McGrath	Drilled	123	94	5"	31	7	0-25 mud & boulders, 25-50 broken rock, 50-90 soft red shale, 90-123 hard red shale	120	5	100		
91.	C. Prow	Bored	30						139	6	133		
92.	W. Lanade	Dug				Overflow			223	10	90	3-4 cracks to 3 ft. above ground, gravel packed	
93.	G. McLellan	Dug	8.9		2.0	3.4			40	20	60	Four - 2 1/2 ft. cracks to 1.6 ft. above ground, wooden cover	8 ft. below road - possible salt problem in winter.
94.	E. Brennan	Dug	4.7		2.0	1.2			130	5	90	Two dug wells connected.	
95.	I. Prensan	Spring				Overflow			60	10	62		
96.	R. Grant	Drilled	98	21	5"	Overflow	15	0-98 red conglomerate	130	10	130		
97.	A. McDonald	Dug	25.3		2.0	14			145	18	103	Cracked to 1.7 ft. above ground	
98.	J. Turibull	Dug	18.9		1.75	11.5			150	7.5	180	Cracked to 0.9 ft. above ground	Sulfur odour.
99.	L. Adams	Drilled	90						170	7.5	120		
100.	R. McKern	Drilled	130	52	6"	Overflow	40	0-50 mud & boulders, 50-130 red shale	120	6	98		
101.	J. Fraser	Drilled	147	86	6"	6	12	0-72 mud & boulders, 72-147 red conglomerate	170	7.5	90		
102.	C. Robinson	Drilled	118	32	4"	18	1	0-25 clay & boulders, 25-118 conglomerate	140	10	90		
103.	D. Monroe	Drilled	120	72	6"	35	5	0-10 clay, 10-120 red shale	120	5	60		
104.	D. Mason	Drilled	245	55	5"	20	3	0-50 mud & boulders, 50-245 red shale	139	11	159		
105.	F. Penoit	Drilled	145	69	5"	22	3	0-55 clay & boulders, 55-145 conglomerate	75	189	485		Supplies three houses and still overflows at approximately 2 gpm into the ditch.
106.	L. Penoit	Drilled	147	44	6"	20	3.5	0-32 mud & boulders, 32-147 conglomerate	100	10	90	Calvanized crack to 1.2 ft. above ground, gravel packed.	
107.	F. McDonald	Dug	18		2.5	7.0			100	88	124	Cracked to 1.75 ft. above basement floor.	Supplies two families
108.	F. McDonald	Dug	47.7		1.7	1.9			100	65	130		

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109.	W. McWilliam	Spring	4.5		4.5			Sand and gravel	50	35	70	71		Supplies 65 cattle.
110.	E. McDonald	Dug	9.75		2.5	6.6			50	12.5	65	70	Cracked to 1.25 ft. above ground	
111.	J. Norris	Drilled	83	40	5"	24	4	0-10 loose gravel, 10-20 gravel, 20-35 clay, 35-60 shale, 60-83 sandstone	220	30	0	60		Sulfur odor.
112.	F. Norris	Drilled	73	30	5"	18	4	0-25 overburden, 25-73 shale	240	77	70	56		
113.	L. Meisner	Drilled	300	45	5"	24	1	0-28 overburden, 28-40 soft gray shale, 40-65 black shale, 65-200 grey shale	432	76	8.5	34		
114.	G. McKenzie	Drilled	50	23	5"	15	3	0-21 overburden, 21-50 shale	370	60	7	66		
115.	R. Kellock	Dug	14.7		2.5	10			132	80	123	56	Galvanized crack to 1.3 ft. above ground.	Only film on top.
116.	R. Fulton	Drilled							127	165	196	58		
117.	H. Moore	Drilled	136	21	4"	21	1.5	0-15 overburden, 15-136 coal shale	120	5	75	74		
118.	D. Wilkinson	Dug	15		2.5	4.5			50	7.5	50		Galvanized crack to 3.5 ft. above ground	
119.	B. Hines	Drilled #1	115	60	4"	50	1	0-18 overburden, 18-25 gray shale, 25-215 red shale, 215-235 red shale & conglomerate						Yield too low.
120.	J. Bayduh	Drilled	94	21	4"	12	6	0-14 mud & boulders, 14-51 gray shale, 51-59 red shale, 59-75 gray shale, 75-90 red shale, 90-94 gray shale	75	5	71			Salt water.
121.	J. Williams	Drilled	230	109	4"	21	1.5	0-30 overburden, 30-70 soft red shale, 70-82 coal shale, 82-87 hard red shale, 87-93 soft grey shale, 93-106 grey shale, 106-112 hard red shale, 112-230 sticky red shale.	419	4250	263	56		
122.	L. Mason	Drilled	100	15	4"	25	2.5	0-11 overburden, 11-23 coal shale, 23-27 grey shale, 27-90 coal shale, 90-95 grey shale, 95-100 coal shale	250	52	66	65		
123.	A. Nugent	Drilled	100	21	4"	15	5	0-14 overburden, 14-73 red shale, 73-100 conglomerate	155	39	182	60		
124.	E. McMillan	Drilled	100	43	5"	32	30	0-16 mud & gravel, 16-25 broken rock, 25-30 mud & broken rock, 30-100 red shale	115	5	95	63		
125.	S. Kellock	Drilled	171	68	5"	14	7	0-30 clay & gravel, 30-45 gravel & boulders, 45-47 broken rock, 47-171 hard red shale	132	5	100	60		

INDEX NO.	OWNER	TYPE OF WELL	WELL DEPTH FEET	CASING LENGTH FEET	DIAMETER	WATER LEVEL FEET BELOW GROUND	REPORTED YIELD GPM	GEOLOGIC LOG	FIELD ANALYSES				CONSTRUCTION	COMMENTS & REPORTED QUALITY PROBLEMS
									Alkalinity mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Chloride mg/l	Total hardness mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Temperature ° F		
126.	L. Rature	Drilled	273	22	6"	3	2	0-12 mud & boulders, 12-273 red shale	142	5.5	40	55		
127.	R. Boudreau	Drilled	147	22	6"	Overflow	3	0-16 mud & boulders, 16-147 conglomerate	150	30	5	63		
128.	H. Wynyard	Drilled	175	95	5"	50	3	0-60 overburden, 60-90 soft red shale, 90-175 red conglomerate	153	43	142	52		
129.	NUMBER NOT GIVEN BY MISTAKE.													
130.	E. Fillmore	Drilled	98	38	5"	Overflow	15	0-28 clay & boulders, 28-98 red shale						
131.	B. Conway	Drilled	240	35	5"	20	3.5	0-28 mud, clay & boulders, 28-240 red shale	167	6.7	153	60		
132.	F. Davis	Drilled	70						144	6.7	130	63		
133.	J. Clennel	Drilled							155	8.5	107		Galvanized crock to 2.2 ft. above ground.	
134.	Plymouth Fire Dept.	Dug	14	14	2.5	9.1			195	6.5	174	59		
135.	J. Kerley	Drilled	119	44	5"	20	8	0-35 mud & broken rock, 35-119 red shale	228	44	251			Abundant supply.
136.	G. Purvis	Dug	10											
137.	A. Sutherland	Drilled	125	45	5"	3	3	0-40 mud & gravel, 40-70 red shale, 70-95 quartzite, 95-125 red shale						



CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF GROUNDWATERS																																		
Index No.	Sample No.	Present Owner	Well Depth feet	Aquifer	Date Sampled	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Hardness (Ca+Mg)	SO <sub>4</sub>	CL	F	Sr	I	SiO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>3</sub> + NO <sub>2</sub> as N	NH <sub>3</sub> as N	PO <sub>4</sub> as P	Fe	Mn	Pb	Cu	Zn	Total Dissolved Solids	Conductivity (µmhos/cm)	pH	Eh millivolts	Ions in mg/L					
																													No	Co	Mg	Cl		
113	20	L. Meisner	200	black-grey silty sandstone	29/7/75	245	1.0	2.2	0.7	432	4.8	76	3.8			7.44	0.2	0.15	0.7	0.08	Tr	0.04	0.01	632	1010	8.9		10.70	0.11	0.089	8.34	0.10	2.14	
112	21	F. Barber	73	red shale	29/7/75	5.4	0.6	1.2	1.2	16	13	8.5	0.1			9.7	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.09	Tr	0.05	Tr	80	75	7.9		0.25	0.55	0.10	0.31	0.27	0.24	
107	22	F. Norris	73	overburden	17/9/75	125	1.1	23	3.4	240	1	77	0.9			0.2	0.01	0.02	0.1	0.1	Tr	0.01	Tr	389	366	8.0	415	5.43	1.15	0.28	4.86	0.02	2.17	
81	23	F. McDonald	18	overburden	29/7/75	40	3.2	38	6.8	100	11	88	0.1				5.3	0.2	0.1	0.02	0.1	Tr	Tr	13.1	314	4.95	7.0	1.82	1.99	0.56	2.01	0.23	2.46	
42	24	D. Anderson	138	overburden	29/7/75	48	1.5	20	2.3	60	20	62	0.1			4.1	0.2	0.1	0.02	0.1	Tr	0.54	0.07	186	185	6.3	469	2.13	1.00	0.19	1.20	0.42	1.75	
43	25	S. Stewart	175	red shale	16/9/75	485	1.1	2.8	0.7	720	7.3	252	10.8			0.1	0.01	0.08	0.1	0.05	Tr	Tr	Tr	1168	1980	6.6	401	21.13	0.14	0.06	14.14	0.13	7.11	
83	26	R. Foote	175	red shale	15/9/75	1170	1.4	17	3.3	585	3.5	1330	8.2			5.7	0.1	0.4	0.04	0.2	0.05	Tr	0.02	0.01	2958	2952	8.3	396	50.9	0.85	0.27	11.59	0.03	39.2
88	27	G. Thompson	78	bedrock	30/7/75	115	1.0	12	3.5	252	20	25	0.6			0.1	0.01	0.03	0.1	0.1	Tr	0.008	Tr	316	315	8.5	392	5.03	0.60	0.29	4.9	0.7	0.7	
125	28	R. Bonvie	14	overburden	30/7/75	8.7	1.1	92	8.2	281	13	17	0.1			10	0.4	0.1	0.02	0.3	0.06	Tr	0.01	0.03	302	495	7.3	401	0.41	4.59	0.67	5.21	0.27	0.48
104	29	S. Kellock	171	red shale	16/9/75	26	3.4	34	3.8	132	24	5	0.2			12	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.2	0.05	Tr	0.03	0.03	173	289	7.9	427	1.22	1.70	0.31	2.65	0.50	0.14
97	30	D. Mason	245	red shale	30/7/75	87	5.1	52	7.0	139	200	11	0.6			9.8	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.2	0.1	Tr	0.01	0.07	442	650	7.9	427	3.91	2.59	0.58	2.78	4.16	0.31
91	31	A. McDonald	25.3	overburden	17/9/75	17	1.6	56	10	145	28	18	0.1			6.6	2.9	0.1	0.02	0.2	0.1	Tr	Tr	0.28	248	7.6	410	0.78	2.79	0.82	2.90	0.58	0.51	
49	32	C. Brow	30	bedrock	30/7/75	7.4	1.7	35	11	138	14	20	0.2			7.8	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.05	Tr	Tr	0.14	141	7.8	410	0.36	1.75	0.90	2.74	0.29	0.17	
50	33	G. Atwater	247	bedrock	30/7/75	78	3.8	26	6.2	212	37	14	0.2			12	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.08	Tr	0.008	Tr	298	287	8.1	427	3.49	1.36	0.51	4.21	0.77	0.39
58	34	R. Polton	247	red ss+shale	15/9/75	165	1.4	1.5	0.4	309	73	8	1.1			7.8	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.05	Tr	Tr	0.01	410	9.1	391	7.22	0.09	0.03	5.97	0.52	0.23	
54	35	C. Adamson	14	overburden	30/7/75	6.2	0.5	31	2.6	81	13	5	0.1			9.1	0.6	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.1	Tr	0.24	0.74	107	203	6.8	427	0.28	1.55	0.21	1.62	0.27	0.14
65	36	A. Weir	135	red ss+shale	16/9/75	110	3.8	2.8	0.8	225	33	7	0.1			12	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.05	Tr	Tr	0.008	289	4.60	391	4.89	0.14	0.07	4.44	0.63	0.23	
	37	M. Williams	75	bedrock	30/7/75	38	4.8	126	39	137	430	10	0.1			10	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.3	Tr	Tr	0.08	770	7.6	398	1.77	6.29	3.21	2.78	8.95	0.56	





APPENDIX 3  
SUMMARY LOGS OF WELLS DRILLED ON  
THE STELLARTON INTERVAL,  
NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

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INT - 1 - 75 (Dec. 9-15, 1975, N.S. Dept. of the Environment testhole)

Total Depth: 100 feet  
Diameter: 8 inches to 20 feet, 6 inches to 100 feet  
Casing: 21 feet 10 inches of 6 1/4 inch ID casing, to approximately 20 feet below ground.  
Water at: 20 feet - 2-5 gpm; 25-30 -  $\geq$  5 gpm  
Water level: at finish approximately at ground level  
Log: 0-5 silt & fine sand  
5-20 stratified sand, gravel and boulders  
20-35 silty to clayey till  
35-45 fine sand & gravel  
45-75 fine sand, silt & clay  
75-80 green grey siltstone & sandstone  
80-100 mainly red brown siltstone & fine grained sandstone, minor hydro carbon  
Bedrock at approximately 75 feet

INT - 2 - 75 (Dec. 15-16, 1975, N.S. Dept. of the Environment testhole)

Total Depth: 50 feet  
Diameter: 8 inches to 20 feet, 6 inches to 50 feet  
Casing: 22 feet, driven to 21.0 feet below ground  
Water at: 11 feet  
Log: 0-6 silt & clay  
6-15 stratified sand, gravel & pebbles  
15-25 gravel and clay  
25-39 mainly clay; possibly thin gravel bed 32-35 ft.  
39-50 bedrock - alternating, soft & hard grey shale, minor hydrocarbon

N.S. DEPT. OF MINES testhole ( June 9, 1964)

0-1 topsoil  
1-4 fine to medium grained sand  
4-10 gravel  
10-20 sand, gravel & clay ( fine sand; fine gravel)  
20-24 blue-grey clay  
24-50 gray shale  
50-60 carbonaceous shales. Thin coal bed (1") at 52 feet  
60-90 silty shale

APPENDIX 4

SUMMARY LOGS OF BACKHOE TESTPITS,  
September 29 - October 1, 1975

#p1

0-2 till, silt-fine sand, dry & compact.  
2-9 till, sandy to gravelly  
9-12 coarse gravel and silt. Boulder layer at 11 feet  
12-13 gravel and boulders  
13-14 clay and gravel  
14 greyish green, friable siltstone . Water at 13 feet.

#p2

0-4 sandy till with coarse gravel lenses  
4-6.5 coarse sand, gravel and boulders. Water  
6.5 greenish grey, hard siltstone.

#p3

0-1 silt  
1-4.3 stratified sand, gravel and boulders. Water at 3.0 feet  
4.3- 5 gravel  
5-7 weathered bedrock ( red sandstone)

#p4

0-2 sandy till  
2-5 sand and gravel. Water  
5-7 very coarse gravel and boulders  
7 bedrock - red sandstone.

#p5

0-3.5 silty to clayey, red brown till  
3.5-4 sand, gravel and boulders  
4-6 large boulders and clay  
6-6.5 well rounded pebbles, sand and gravel with minor clay  
6.5 Bedrock ?

#p6

0-4 silty to clayey till. Gravel lens at 2 feet  
4-6 sandy, gravelly till  
6-7 boulders  
7 bedrock - red sandstone

#p7

0-3 silt and clay, possibly till  
3-7 sand, gravel and boulders. Water at 7 feet  
7-8.5 stratified clay and gravel. Clay hard and compact  
8.5-9.5 clay with minor gravel.  
9.5 bedrock ?

#P8

0-2 silt  
2-6.5 stratified clay, sand, gravel and pebbles  
6.5 - 7 clay  
7-7.5 gravel, clay  
7.5 - 8 clay  
8-8.5 coarse gravel  
8.5-10 hard, compact clay with gravel  
10-13.5 hard clay  
13.5 possibly bedrock

#p9

0-6.5 silt  
6.5 - 8.5 coarse sand and fine gravel  
8.5 - 11.5 pebbles and sand. Water at 8.5 - 9 feet  
11.5-12 hard clay

#P10

0-4.5 coarse gravel and boulders . Water at 1-2 feet  
4.5-7.5 hard clay and silt, minor sandy lenses  
7.5 Too hard to dig further

#P 11

0-4.5 sand, silt and clay  
4.5 - 8 sand, gravel and pebbles  
8-15 sand, gravel and clay  
15 either hard clay and boulders or bedrock

#p 12

0-2 fine sand and silt  
2-13 stratified sand, gravel and pebbles  
13-16 medium to coarse sand and coarse sand to fine gravel layers.

# P 13

0-3 silt  
3-5.5 clayey gravel and boulders  
5.5-6 boulders  
6 - 8.5 stratified medium sand and clay

# p 14

0-3 clayey gravel and boulders  
3-7 coarse gravel and boulders  
7-7.5 boulder layer  
7.5-8 clayey gravel .  
8-10 quicksand, with minor clay layers  
10-10.5 soft, laminated clay and silty clay.

#P 15

0-4 sandy gravelly till with fine gravel lenses  
4-6.3 stratified sand, gravel, pebbles  
6.3-10.5 hard green clay and silty clay  
10.5 bedrock or boulders

#P 16

0-2 silty till  
2-5.5 stratified gravelly sand and pebbles  
5.5-7 loose gravel and boulders  
7-9 stratified sand, gravel and pebbles  
9-11 fine sand and silt  
11-15 soft, laminated silt and clay

#P 17A

0-2 sandy till  
2-5 stratified sand and silt  
5-6 gravel and pebbles, caving due to water inflow

#P 17B

0-1 topsoil  
1-4.5 stratified sand, gravel and pebbles  
4.5-7.5 gravel and pebbles  
7.5 - 8 silty clay  
8-11 clay and silty clay, minor sand and gravel  
11-13 hard clay with gravel  
13 hard - either bedrock or boulder layer

#P 18

0-2 sandy silt  
2-7 stratified sand, gravel, boulders  
7-12.5 laminated silt and clay  
12.5 hard layer

#P 19

0-4.5 gravel and boulders  
4.5 - 14 laminated fine sand, silt and clay  
14 hard layer

#P 20

0-2.5 sandy silt  
2.5 - 8 coarse sand, gravel and boulders, crudely stratified  
8-15 layered soft clay and silt

#P 21

0-5 stratified sand (fine) and silt  
5-6 coarse sand and fine gravel  
6-10 stratified gravel and boulders  
10-11 boulder layer, some sand.

#P 22

0-1.5 sandy silt

1.5-4 stratified sand and silt

4-10.5 crudely stratified coarse sand, gravel, and pebbles. Boulder layer at 7 feet.

Water at 10 feet.

10.5-15 clay and clayey silt, soft, laminated

#P 23

0-3 crudely stratified coarse sand, gravel and boulders. Water at 3 feet.

3-8.5 hard clay with gravel.

#P 24

0-5 silty sand

5-11.3 stratified sand, gravel and silt

11.3-11.5 clay

11.5-14.5 sandy silt

#P 31

0-1.5 stratified sand, gravel and boulders

1.5-4 hard clay with gravel

4-6.5 soft clay

6.5 hard layer - possibly bedrock

#P 25

0-4.3 sandy silt

4.3-5 coarse sand and fine gravel

5-7 layered fine to medium sand and silt

7-11.5 gravel and pebbles

11.5 hard layer - boulders or bedrock

#P 26

0-3.5 silty sand and pebbles

3.5-7 stratified fine sand and sandy silt

7-11 stratified gravel, pebbles and clayey sand

11-13 hard clay with gravel

13 hard layer

#P 27

0-5 silty sand

5-8 stratified sand and gravel

8-10 boulder layers

10-15 laminated soft clay and silt

#P 28

0-4 hard clay with gravel.

#P 29

0-3.5 stratified sand, gravel and boulders

3.5-5 laminated soft clay with minor silt

#P 30

0-1 clay till

1-3.5 sandy silt

3.5-11.5 clayey gravel and boulders

NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS BOREHOLE RECORDS#H 1

0-2 sand and gravel with small cobbles  
2-4 brown stiff sandy clay with small stones  
4-7 hard brown sandy clay with small stones  
7-13.5 hard dark clay with broken shale  
13.5-18.5 bedrock - soft dark shale

#H 2

0-4 loose brown silty sand with small cobbles  
4-7 loose brown silty sand with wood and organic fibres  
7-10 hard dark broken slate shale rock  
10-12 hard dark brown shale rock  
12-17 shale bedrock

#H 3

0-2 sand, gravel and small cobbles  
2-4 brown fine sand with small stones  
4-6 brown fine sand with stones and broken shale  
6-9 hard dark clay with broken shale  
9-11 broken soft shale  
11-15 hard dark clay with layers of shale  
15-30 shale bedrock

#H 4

0-2 sand, gravel and small cobbles  
2-4 brown silty clay with small stones  
4-6 stiff brown silty clay with small stones  
6-12.5 hard dark clay with layers of broken shale  
12.5-18 bedrock - shale

#H 5

0-2 loam with sand and organic fibres  
2-4 sand with small stones and clay  
4-11 brown silty clay with small stones  
11-16.5 hard dark clay with layers of shale  
16.5-36 bedrock

#H 6

0-5 loose brown fill with small cobbles  
5-8 stiff brown silty clay with small stones  
8-12 loose brown silt with silty clay and small stones  
12-17 dark grey clay with small stones and broken rock  
17-20 dark grey broken layers of soft shale  
20-26 bedrock - black shale

Holes H 1 to H 6 are from the STELLARTON INTERVAL BRIDGE over the East River.

#H 7

0-2 boulders and gravel  
2-7 clay  
7-12 clay and gravel  
12-17 clay, gravel and broken shale  
17-19 broken shale  
19-24 harder shale bedrock

#H 8

0-4 gravel  
4-8 silt  
8-13 gravel and some clay  
13-18 broken shale and clay  
18-27 broken shale  
27-33 harder shale bedrock

#H 9

0-9 sand and gravel  
9-14 sand, gravel and broken shale  
14-19 sand and gravel  
19-22 sand and broken shale  
22-29 broken shale  
29-34 harder shale bedrock

#H 10

0-2 gravel  
2-12 sandy clay  
12-15 sand, gravel and some clay  
15-17 broken shale  
17-23 harder shale bedrock

Holes H 7 to H 10 are from the  
ALBION MINES BRIDGE over  
the East River.

Holes H 11 to H 20 are from the TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY 104 overpass. The exact locations of the holes is not known.

#H 11

0-10 coarse sand and gravel  
10-18 sand, gravel and boulders  
18-46 soft red clay  
46-56 solid gray shale

#H 12

0-4 coarse gravel in river bed  
4-38 soft red sandy clay  
38-48 gray shale

#H 13

0-7 sand and fine gravel  
7-21 coarse river gravel  
21-39 hard red clay embedded with small stones  
39-50 soft gray shale

#H 14

0-7 fine sand and silt  
7-9 coarse gravel  
9-30 hard red clay embedded with small stones and boulders  
30-45 soft gray shale

#H 15

0-4 water  
4-12 sand and gravel with small boulders (river bed)  
12-34 soft clay  
34-36 gravel and clay  
36-42 gravel, shale and clay mixed  
42-44 soft shale and clay (fault gouge)  
44-55 shale

#H 16

0-6 soft red sand  
6-16 coarse gravel  
16-31 boulders, clay and gravel  
31-40 soft gray shale

#H 17

0-7 water  
7-10 boulders and gravel  
10-40 soft clay  
40-44 gravel and clay  
44-54 shale

#H 18

0-9 very fine grained sand  
9-14 gravel and clay  
14-30 shale

#H 19

0-4 very soft clay  
4-11 gravel and clay  
11-30 very soft shale with seams of clay  
30-45 shale

#H 20

0-7 clay  
7-11 gravel  
11-25 soft shale



NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES BOREHOLE RECORDS

#1019

0-2 surface  
 2-4 blue shale  
 4-17.6 blue shale with limestone stringers  
 17.6-52 red sandy shale with limestone stringers

#1020

0-3 surface  
 3-30 grey limestone  
 30-53 blue shale with limestone stringers

#1039

0-3 surface  
 3-14.6 gray limestone  
 14.6-48 grey limestone & red clay  
 48-50 fine grained red sandstone

#1040

0-10.6 surface  
 10.6-37 fine grained red sandstone

#1041

0-10 surface  
 10-18 fine grained red sandstone  
 18-21 grey sandstone with limestone stringers  
 21-27 fine grained red sandstone

#1042

0-7 surface  
 7-12 limestone with some sandstone bands  
 12-21 grey & red sandstone  
 21-50 red sandstone

#1043

0-10 boulders & clay  
 10-15 sand & boulders  
 15-22 red sandstone

#1044

0-20 boulders & clay  
 20-30 red sandstone with bands of grey clay

#1045

0-20 surface  
 20-40 red sandstone

#2466

0-55 overburden  
 55-65 grey shale  
 65-82 red sandstone  
 82-123 red & grey shale  
 123-125 grey shale with some coal  
 125-230 grey sandstone  
 230-237 grey sandstone with small conglomerate bands  
 237-265 red & grey sandstone  
 265-277 red & grey shale  
 277-288 red sandstone  
 288-330 red & grey sandy shale  
 330-336 black shale with lines of coal  
 336-368 red & gray sandy shale  
 368-371 grey shale with 2 inch asphalt in a calcite stringer  
 371-378 soft grey shale

#3108

0-49 overburden  
 49-59 soft gray shale  
 59-76 sandy gray shale  
 76-87 dark shale  
 87-96.5 black & brown oil shale  
 96.5-105 splint & coal  
 105-130 black coal, dirty sections  
 130-131 soft gray shale  
 131-145 soft gray shale, little coal  
 145-147.5 coal & splint  
 147.5-168.5 soft gray shale  
 168.6-172.5 coal & splint  
 172.5-210 shale  
 210-317 shale, sandy in places  
 317-408 gray shale, sandy in places  
 408-415 oil shale & coal  
 415-426 gray & dark shale  
 426-441 oil shale & coal  
 441-573 gray shale, sandy in places  
 573-593 fine-grained gray sandstone  
 593-616 gray shale  
 616-622 dark shale (oil shale)  
 622-649 gray shale  
 649-653.5 oil shale & coal

Overburden thickness, feet

<u>#3584</u>	17
<u>#3585</u>	20
<u>#3586</u>	23
<u>#3587</u>	20
<u>#3588</u>	22
<u>#3589</u>	15
<u>#3590</u>	16
<u>#3591</u>	17
<u>#3592</u>	20
<u>#3593</u>	21
<u>#3594</u>	16
<u>#3595</u>	15
<u>#3596</u>	18
<u>#3597</u>	15
<u>#3598</u>	15
<u>#3599</u>	18
<u>#3600</u>	15
<u>#3601</u>	18
<u>#3602</u>	18

#4135

0-13 overburden - reddish clay with small rocks & shale  
13-36 dark gray soft, slaty shale  
36-40 shaly red, firm conglomerate

#4136

0-10 overburden- red clay, gravel, red siltstone or shale  
10-18.5 red sandy shale  
18.5 - 24 red siltstone  
24-41 red shale, somewhat sandy

#4137

0-13 overburden - red silt, sand & clay  
13-17 red sandy shale  
17-22.5 red siltstone  
22.5- 25 red sandy shale  
25-29 red siltstone  
29-41 red sandy shale

#4138

0-13 overburden - clay, sand, small rocks  
13-36.5 gray & red sandy shale

#4139

0-12 overburden - red silt, dark gray clay, & gravel  
12-33 gray sandy shale

#4140

0-10 overburden - red clay, gray clay, gravel & shale  
10-32 shale or slate

#4141

0-10 overburden - gravelly earth & reddish shale  
10-33 shale or slate

#4142

0-10 overburden - reddish clay & gravel  
10-32 shale or siltstone

#4143

0-49 overburden - reddish clay & small rocks  
49-72 gray slaty shale, sandy in places; minor red shale

#4144

0-14 overburden - gravel, red clay & soft gray shale  
14-32 slaty shale

#4145

0-5 overburden - gravel & sand  
5-13 dark gray shale  
13-15.5 reddish shaly conglomerate  
15.5-29 dark gray shale

#4146

0-10.5 overburden - sand, gravel, gray clay & shale  
10.5-15 gray shale

#4147

0-50 overburden - reddish clay & small rocks  
50-73 red & gray shale, soft in places and sandy in places

#4148

0-12 overburden - red & gray sandy clay & gravel  
12-33 reddish shale

#4149

0-12 overburden - clay & small rocks  
12-37 fractured reddish sandstone  
37-62 red & gray shale, some soft

#4713

0-21 red clay  
21-35 coal & black shale  
35-54 gray shale  
54-55 brown sandstone

#4714

0-21 red clay  
21-35 coal & black shale

#4715

0-27 red clay  
27-37 black coal shale

#4716

0-27 red clay  
27-33 coal & black shale

#4717

0-29 red clay  
29-35 black coal shale

#4718

0-22 red clay  
22-35 coal & black shale

#4719

0-22 red clay  
22-25 coal & black shale

#4720

0-21 red clay  
21-36 coal & black shale

#4721

0-19 red clay  
19-36 coal & black shale

#4722

0-20 red clay  
20-36 coal & shale

#4723

0-28 red clay  
28-38 coal & black shale

#4724

0-28 red clay  
28-34 coal & black shale

#4725

0-28 red clay  
28-29 coal & black shale

#4726

0-28 red clay  
28-35 coal & black shale

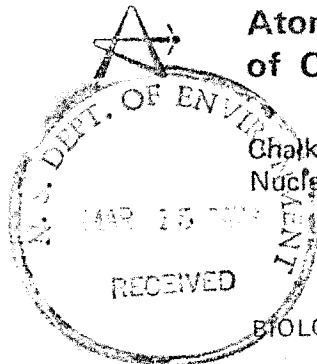
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Miss Heather Cross,  
Hydrogeologist,  
Nova Scotia Department of the Environment,  
P.O. Box 2017,  
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

Dear Miss Cross:

Tritium and deuterium data for the water samples from Stellarton that you submitted last fall are listed in the attached table.

The tritium concentrations give some idea of the time scale of infiltration. The shallow samples - 16, 14 - have tritium contents characteristic of precipitation of the last few years in this region. Samples 19 and 31 show the admixture of some water of the last 20-year period to older tritium-free water. All samples from below 75 ft. depth have  $0 \pm 10$  Tritium Units indicating more than 20 years since any of this water was in the atmosphere. Carbon-14 analyses would be required to say anything more. The negative tritium values result from the statistical distribution of counting data and are to be taken as zero tritium content.

The mean deuterium content of all the ground water samples is  $- 63.4$  ‰ with a small standard deviation of  $\pm 2.2$  ‰. This concentration is quite similar to that of local precipitation of the cool part of the year. There is no significant difference in deuterium content of old and young water. Thus, the isotope data indicate that these saline waters are not entrapped or intruded marine water ( $0$  ‰  $\delta D$ ) but probably normal recharge water leaching out deposits of marine (or other) salts.

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The deuterium content of the East River reflects the presence of more summer precipitation than is present in the ground waters, presumably due to greater surface runoff from summer storms. The water in Pictou harbour must have a relatively small proportion of sea water in view of the similarity of its deuterium and tritium contents to those of the East River. The tritium and deuterium contents of water from the Northumberland Strait differ from those of true sea water ( $0\text{‰} \delta\text{D}$ , 10-15 TU) because of the influence of continental drainage.

I did not think that  $^{18}\text{O}$  values would add to the information obtained from the deuterium results. They would indicate if the present ground waters had undergone significant evaporation before infiltration. However, the low D values, similar to those of local precipitation, indicate that such evaporation is unlikely. Mr. R.E. Jackson looked over the chemical and isotope data briefly when he was here a few weeks ago. You may wish to talk to him about the significance of the chemical data, although he did not have a chance to go into them in great detail.

I think these results illustrate the sort of information you can get from isotope measurements. I doubt if further work at this particular site will give more information unless you want to delineate the old and the recent water more closely. I will be glad to have any comments you may have on these results and the significance of my interpretation of them.

Yours sincerely,



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R.M. Brown,  
Environmental Research Branch.

TABLE OF SAMPLES

Sample Number	Well Name	Well Depth	Casing Length	*Bedrock	Comments	TU	SD
A-C	Alex Sutherland	125	45	S	Drilled well <u>not</u> in park, quality fairly normal, low F	-7.±6.	-68
A-C	Plymouth School	300		S	High NaCl, F, deepest well	10±5	-63
F-C	Scott MacDonald	22'		S	Dug well, normal, in park	55±8	-65
F-C	Harry Conway	14		S	Dug well, salty, in park	65±5	-64
S-C	Earl Kellock	3.8'		S	Dug well, possible road salt, in park	69±7	-64
Z-C	George MacKenzie	56		S	high NaCl, F, HCO <sub>3</sub> , <u>not</u> in park	20±7	-62
S-C	Sheldon Stewart	138		S	High Na, HCO <sub>3</sub> , F, near park	-5±6	-63
S-C	Ralph Foote	175	100	S	High NaCl, F, shallower drilled well near park	-1±6	-59
Z-C	G. Thompson	78		S	Quality normal, but near boundary of problem wells	10±6	-62
F-C	Alex MacDonald	25.2		W	Dug well over Windsor Group, Bedrock	28±5	-63
Z-C	N. Williams	75		W	Drilled well in Windsor Group Bedrock	0±6	-64
Z-C	East River			S	Surface water at park bridge.	48±5	-48
M-1	Sea Water				Seawater - freshwater mixture from Pictou Harbour.	45±9	-51
M-2	Sea Water				Seawater from Northumberland Strait	29±7	-18
1967-69 Precipitation:							
		Halifax:	Summer Ave. (½ year)				-37
			Winter Ave.				-67
		Fredericton:	Summer Ave.				-50
			Winter Ave.				-94
		Gander:	Summer Ave.				-58
			Winter Ave.				-74

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Mr. John F. Jones  
Chief, Groundwater Section  
Water Planning and Management Division  
Department of Environment  
Province of Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Jones:

RE: Flouride in well water  
Plymouth area, Pictou County


I am writing with reference to our consultations with respect to the identification of flouride in well water in the Plymouth area of Pictou County last Fall.

As you know, the matter was referred to our Division of Dental Health Services, and since that time the Director of the Division, with the assistance of his staff has been looking into the possible ramifications of the presence of flouride in drinking water, on the basis of on-site visits and investigations.

By way of update the Dental Hygienist has now completed examinations of 77 school children at the Dr. W.A. MacLeod School in Riverton. These children, ranging in age from 5 to 12 years of age were found to be essentially free of dental fluorosis. On the basis of a scale ranging from normal through questionable, very mild, moderate, to severe, all except three were considered to be in the normal range. In three instances questionable fluorosis was identified. Individuals in this category could only be identified on the basis of examination by a highly trained examiner. Any relationship to exposure to high concentrations of flouride in these instances is also questionable.

Further attention to this situation will be maintained by the Division of Dental Health Services. Certainly at the present time there would appear to be no cause for concern.

Yours truly,

  
C.E. Tupper, P. Eng.  
Administrator  
Health Engineering Services