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The great majority of rocks consist of Granodiorite, 'Basic Constituents', Biotite and/or Hornblende.

Rude, Trombley, Roy, and Victor Creeks (tributaries of Dip) are wholly within granitic rocks except for a small band of Yukon group rocks exposed as outcrops and float, having a North-East trend from lower Victor Creek and passing into the headwaters of Roy Creek.

The contacts of these rocks with the granodiorite shows very sparse mineralization. Iron pyrite is chiefly present, causing more or less rust coloured zones, with occasional chalcopyrite in dissemination, but not of importance.

One small showing was noted on Trombley, consisting of galena and sphalerite in a quartz gangue, - "small amounts of carbonate". The vein or lens was not visible, as too much slide-rock and plant growth covered the original discovery. Information gathered on the tailings or dump, showed that the vein was very narrow and the hanging and foot walls of granodiorite. Apparently the length was only a few feet.

The lower Victor Creek area shows considerable outcrops of Yukon group rocks, more or less interbedded with granodiorite. Geochem tests showed poor results in the whole of the Dip Creek area. The only positive tests acquired was on or near the lead-zinc occurrence on Trombley Creek.

Panning on Rude Creek showed the presence of placer gold in small amounts. Considerable magnetite sand, and also lumps of magnetite were noted in the pan. No scheelite was detected with the lamps in any of the pannings or rock samples picked up.

Past the headwaters of Victor Creek on the north drainage, volcanics in contact with granodiorite occur with resultant rust areas caused by iron pyrite.

No other mineralization was noted. Quartz outcrops are a rarity in the area, and very little float quartz was seen. No limestone as outcrops or float was seen in any of the above mentioned areas.

A large percentage of the area consists of heavy buck brush growth, as well as being covered with thick moss and muskeg.

For information regarding Casino and Canadian Creek areas, consult Ted Skonseng.

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