

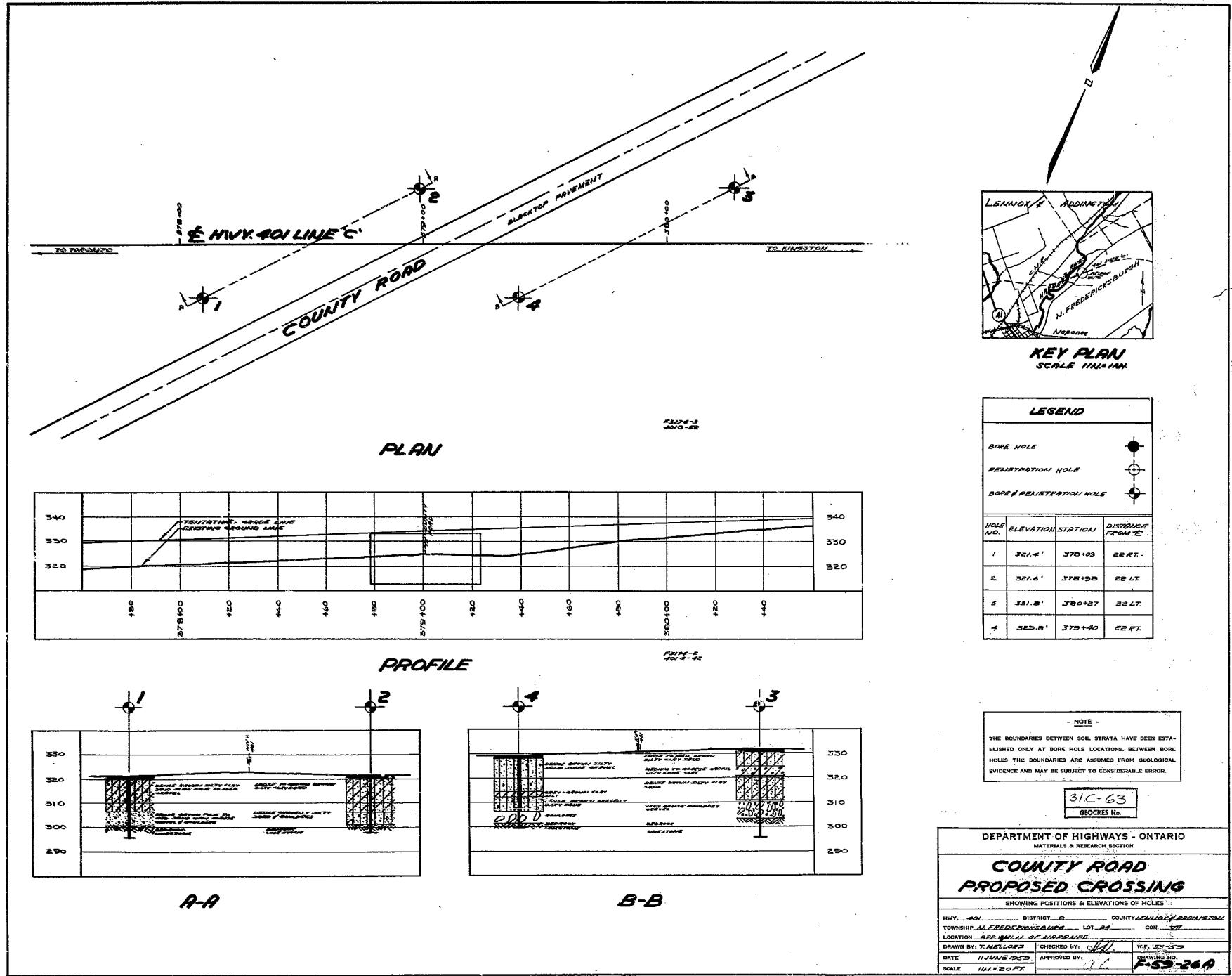
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HWY. 401

COUNTY ROAD

PROP. CROSSING

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Memo to Mr. A. M. Teye, *Date* January 11, 1960.
Bridge Engineer. *Subject* FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION -
From Materials & Research Section. Universal Geotechnique, Ltd

Attention: Mr. S. McCombie.

Re: Proposed Crossing - Hwy. 401 - Line 1C¹,
Township of Fredericksburgh, Counties of
Lennox & Addington - W.P. 33-59 - Dist.8.

This memo accompanies a report on the subsoil conditions at the above site, submitted by Universal Geotechnique, Ltd.

Reference to the boring results presented in this report shows that a relatively shallow deposit of sandy glacial till overlies limestone bedrock at the site. The factual data presented in the report have been reviewed and we submit the following design recommendations:-

1. Spread footing support for the proposed underpass structure is recommended. An allowable footing pressure of 2 1/2 tons/sq.ft. is recommended for footing elevations, as follows:-

North Abutment	Elevation 330.0'
South Abutment	Elevation 337.0'

2. An artesian condition was noted in Boring No. 4 at an elevation of 325.0'. This condition was not observed in any of the other borings and is not believed to be general over the site. Inflow into small diameter borings can result from the intersection of very permeable sand and gravel seams in till formations. If these permeable seams are not continuous over the site, excavation bottom instability will not be general. Should local piping result in the excavation for the North abutment, the artesian head can be balanced by flooding the excavation to elevation 335.0' and placing footing

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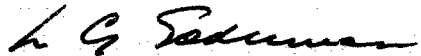
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concrete underwater to elevation 333.0'. With this concrete in place, the excavation can then be dewatered.

3. The strength and compressibility of the subsoil at this site is such that approach embankment side slopes of 2:1 will be adequate.

If clarification of the above comments is desired, please contact our Office.



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ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

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100 University Avenue,
Toronto 1, Ontario.

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INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Department of Highways are planning a Crossing of Highway 401 and a County Road Linking Napanee & Camden East.

To determine the subsurface conditions for purposes of foundation design, the Materials & Research Section of the D.H.O. authorized Universal GEOTECHNIQUE Limited to proceed with an investigation at the proposed site in accordance with their requirements stated in letter of authorization dated 8th December, 1959, and this Report contains the results of the subsurface exploration together with information relative to foundation design and construction.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

D.H.O. plan E-3689-1 indicated the tentatively chosen locations for 5 exploratory boreholes and drawing N° 2 accompanying this Report has been reproduced therefrom and shows the actual positions of the boreholes as carried out on site.

Whilst it is probable that the bridge will be designed as an Overpass with the County Road depressed below the normal grade of Highway 401, consideration may be given to an Underpass whereby the County Road would be elevated above the major highway. If the Overpass is adopted it is understood that the appropriate grade of the County Road would be elevation 318.

THE SITE

The site is situated about 2 miles north-east of Napanee on a slope that dips in a north-westerly direction adjacent to Williams Street.

SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION

Subsurface exploration was carried out during the period 17th to 24th of December, 1959, and comprised 3 exploratory boreholes and 2 dynamic cone penetration tests located in positions as shown on drawing N° 2. The weather during the period of exploration was particularly severe with temperatures going below zero accompanied by winds on an exposed site. These freezing conditions resulted in failure of a water supply from a small creek a few hundred feet away, and all supplies had thereafter to be transported by truck from a considerable distance.

The locations of the boreholes were staked and the ground surface elevations adjacent to the boreholes obtained by the Staff of GEOTECHNIQUE who had a Soils Engineer in charge of field operations at the site throughout the entire period of exploration.

During the operation of soil boring, soil samples were obtained generally at intervals of 2-1/2 feet to a depth of 15 feet and thereafter at intervals of about 5 feet, and where noticeable changes of strata occurred the depths of such changes were recorded.

The state of compaction of the essentially cohesionless strata was determined by the standard penetration test taken during the operation of soil sampling. (The standard penetration test, as referred to in this Report, involves the recording of the number of blows (N) of a 140 lb. hammer falling 30 inches that are required to drive a 2 inch diameter split barrel sampler 1 foot into the soil at the bottom of the borehole).

A continuous record of the general state of compaction of the strata was also obtained adjacent to boreholes BH.4 & BH.5 by means of a dynamic cone penetration test carried to a depth where virtually refusal conditions were encountered and the results of these tests are given on drawing N° 4.

Rock was encountered in all boreholes and diamond core drilling was carried out in each hole to prove bedrock: Drilling was carried 15 feet into the rock in BH.2 to give information concerning any variations in depth and allow positive identification.

Visual examination and classification of all soil samples and rock cores was carried out in the laboratory and a few samples were subjected to additional examination and testing: The descriptions of the strata obtained from the foregoing examination together with the results of the standard penetration tests are given on the borehole logs included with this Report.

Subsurface conditions given in this Report are those indicated by material encountered in the boreholes. The accuracy of extrapolation to obtain the soil profile should be associated directly with the geological conditions and inversely with the spacing of the boreholes.

GEOLOGICAL FEATURES

The site is situated in a region known as the Napanee Plain and its physiography is governed by the underlying limestone that is covered by a thin mantle of glacial drift.

From the information obtained from the exploratory boreholes it may be concluded that the strata down to the explored depths can be classified as follows:

TOP SOIL

Dark brown loam containing organic matter covers the site. Its considerable thickness of up to 3-1/2 feet is due to prevailing marshy conditions.

SANDY TILL

From 12 feet to about 27 feet of loose to dense silty sand containing gravel and boulders is present on the site beneath the top soil. The upper few feet are slightly clayey but it exhibits a tendency to become coarser with depth. Some of the precambrian gravel in the till is decomposed.

BEDROCK

The bedrock is represented by the limestones of the Trenton - Black River formation, the limestone is often argillaceous and contains thin partings of shaley material. Fault breccia was observed in boreholes BH.2 & 3, but it exhibits complete healing and should not affect the characteristics of otherwise generally fairly sound bedrock.

GROUND WATER

Free water was encountered at an elevation of 339 to 339.5'. Water under artesian pressure was observed at an approximate elevation of 318.5' in borehole BH.4. It was initially flowing at a rate of 1/2 gallon/min. but the pressure dissipated within two hours. pH of the ground water is from 6.4 to 6.8.

LABORATORY TESTS

In addition to visual examination of all soil samples and rock cores, certain of the soil samples were subjected to mechanical analyses and the grading curves resulting therefrom are given in the appendix.

DISCUSSION

The results of the subsurface exploration disclose that beneath a few feet of top soil there exists a varying depth of glacial till lying directly on the bedrock which was encountered at elevations varying from about 333 to about 311 in the five exploratory boreholes.

The glacial till is essentially cohesionless and the results of the mechanical analyses show that it is generally well-graded. Variation in the degree of compaction will be noted however.

If an Overpass structure is adopted with the county road depressed to about elevation 318, rock excavation will be necessary over more than half the site but the foundations of the bridge can then be supported directly on the bedrock. The allowable bearing capacity of spread footings supported on the bedrock may be taken as 20 tons/sq.ft.

Referring now to suitable foundations for the alternative of an Underpass whereby the county road would be elevated above the proposed Highway 401, it will be seen that the overburden consisting of sands and gravel in a generally firm state of compaction except for a relatively looser state encountered particularly in borehole BH.5. This variation in the density of the overburden and the looser condition of the deposits in the vicinity of BH.4 down to about elevation 330 and in the vicinity of BH.5 to the bedrock is not ideal for spread footings. However, satisfactory spread footings could be constructed at the following elevations in relation to the stated allowable bearing capacity:

Abutment	Borehole	Elevation of Footing	Allowable Bearing Capacity tons/sq.ft.
South	BH.2 & 3	337	2.5
North	BH.4 & 5	330	1.5

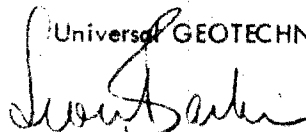
It must be observed however that the underlying bedrock appears very uneven and the thickness of overburden beneath the footings will vary correspondingly.

CONCLUSIONS

The results of the subsurface exploration and subsequent study indicate the following conclusions with respect to foundation design:

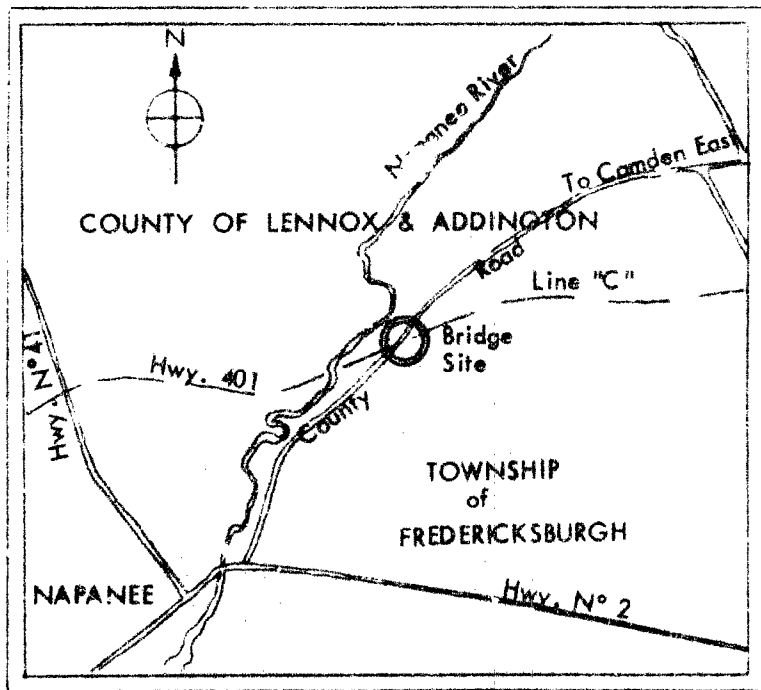
- (1) The overburden consists of essentially cohesionless glacial deposits showing reasonably well-graded characteristics and existing in a generally firm state of compaction below an elevation of about 330.
- (2) Bedrock underlies the site generally at a depth of less than 30 feet below the ground surface. In the five exploratory boreholes the bedrock elevation varied from about 333 to 311 giving quite significant changes within a relatively short distance. Contours of the bedrock surface beneath the site would show a sharp change in direction.
- (3) The ground water table beneath the site existed at elevation ± 339 in December, 1959.
- (4) With the county road depressed to about elevation 318, the foundations of the bridge could be designed for an allowable bearing capacity of 20 tons/sq.ft. on the bedrock. Adequate permanent drainage of the ground water to a few feet below elevation 318 would then be necessary with relation to the county road.

- (5) If the county road is elevated above the proposed Highway 401, spread footings can be supported on the glacial sands and gravel at the elevations given previously in this Report with the related allowable bearing capacities: Care should be taken that no footing is founded partly on bedrock, a minimum thickness of 2 feet of overburden being maintained between the underside of the footing and the underlying rock surface.
- (6) If it is desirable to impose higher bearing pressures on the sands and gravel, especially on the deeper and looser deposits near BH.5, and to obtain more uniformity in the density of these deposits, sand piles or possibly compaction by the Vibroflotation process should be considered: These processes would also enable the underside of the footings to be located at a higher elevation close to the existing ground water table. By suitable compaction the allowable bearing capacity can be raised to 3 or 4 tons/sq.ft. at the higher elevation and construction below the present water table avoided.

Universal GEOTECHNIQUE Limited,

 L. Baskin, P.Eng.
 Engineering Geologist.

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KEY PLAN

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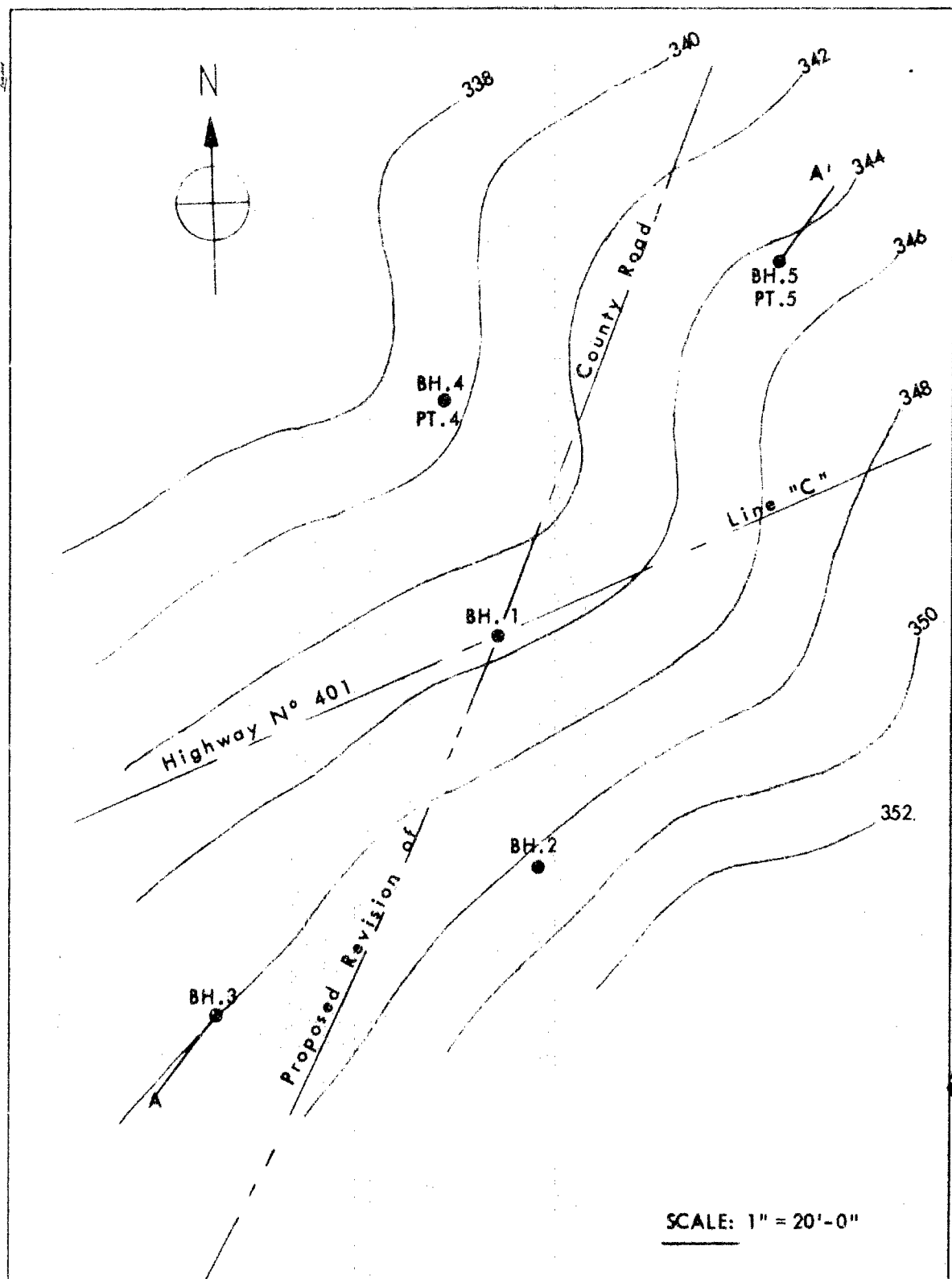
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TITLE Key Plan

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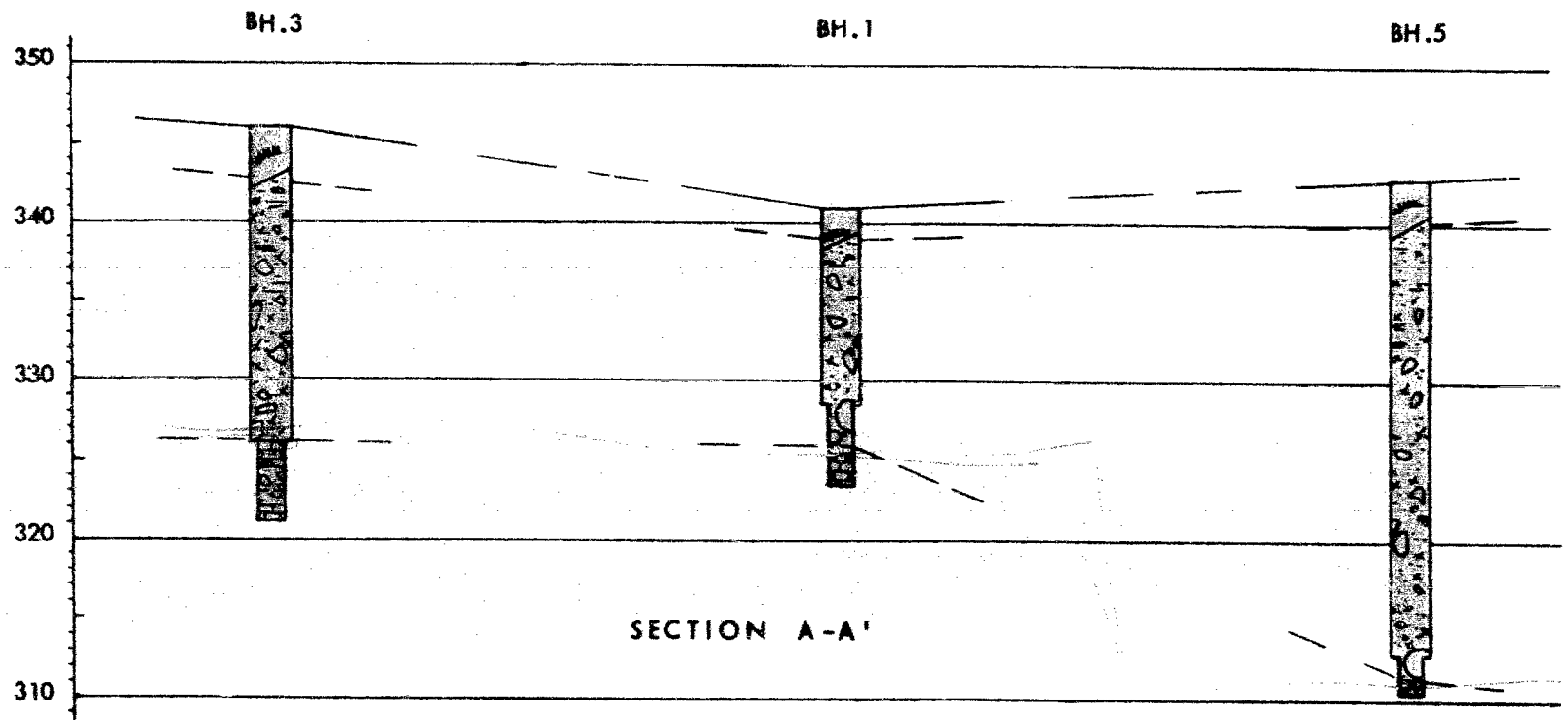


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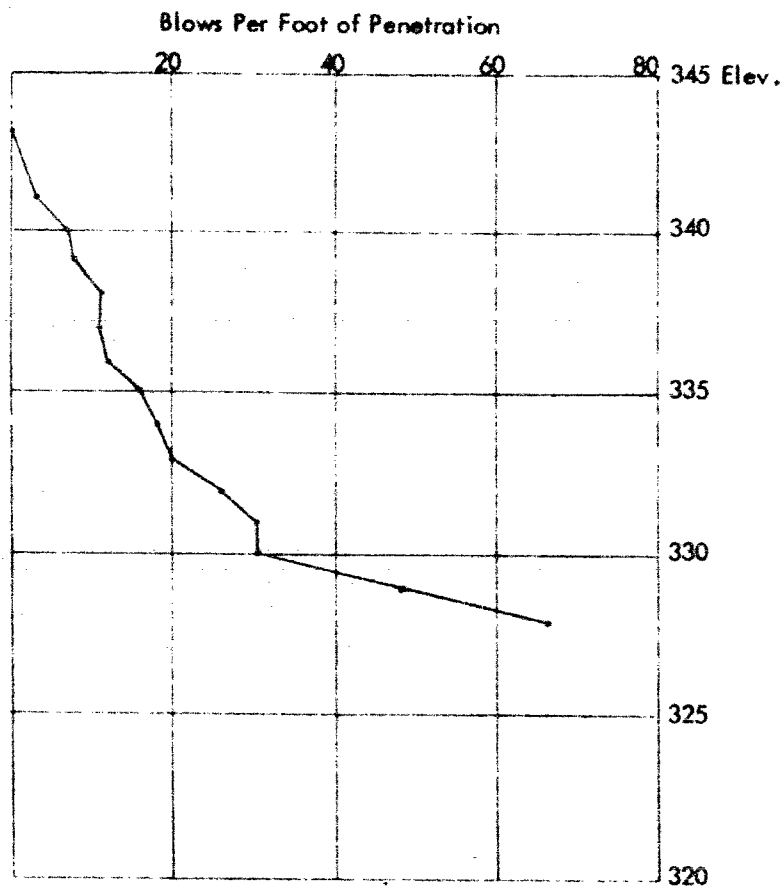
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|  | SANDY TILL |
|  | BEDROCK |

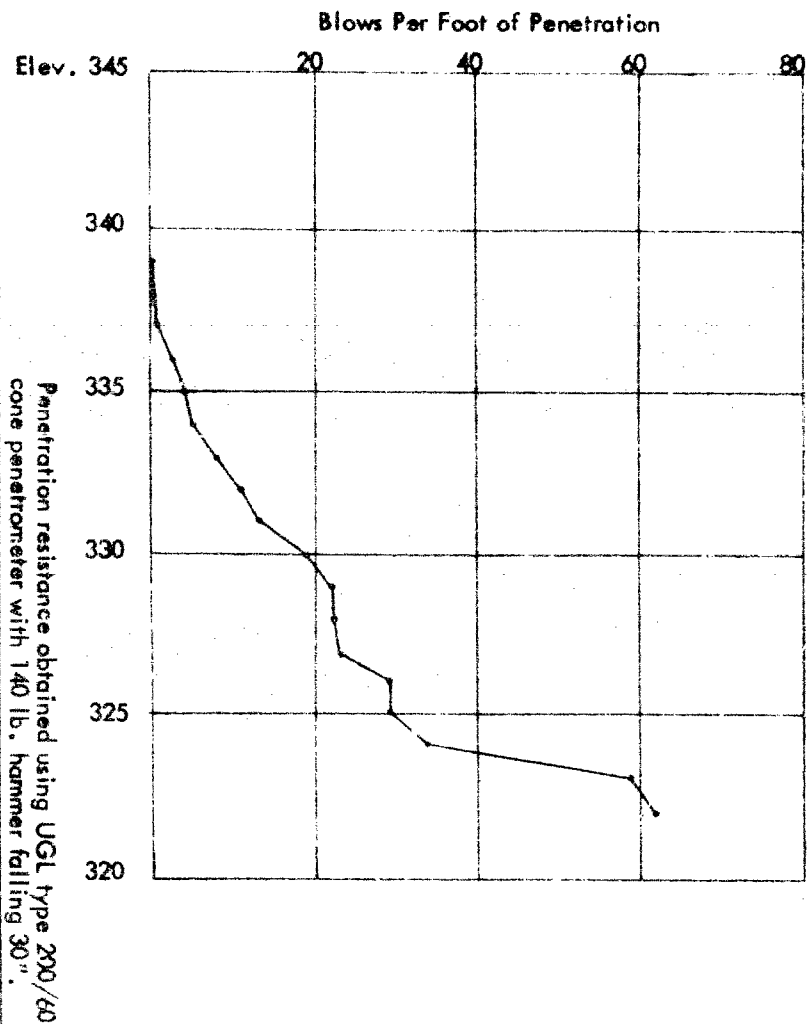
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PT. 5



PT. 4



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SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

PROJECT Proposed Crossing Hwy. 401 - Line "C", Napane, Ontario. BORING NO. BH 1 & 5 SAMPLE NO. _____ DATE OF TEST 30th December, 1959.

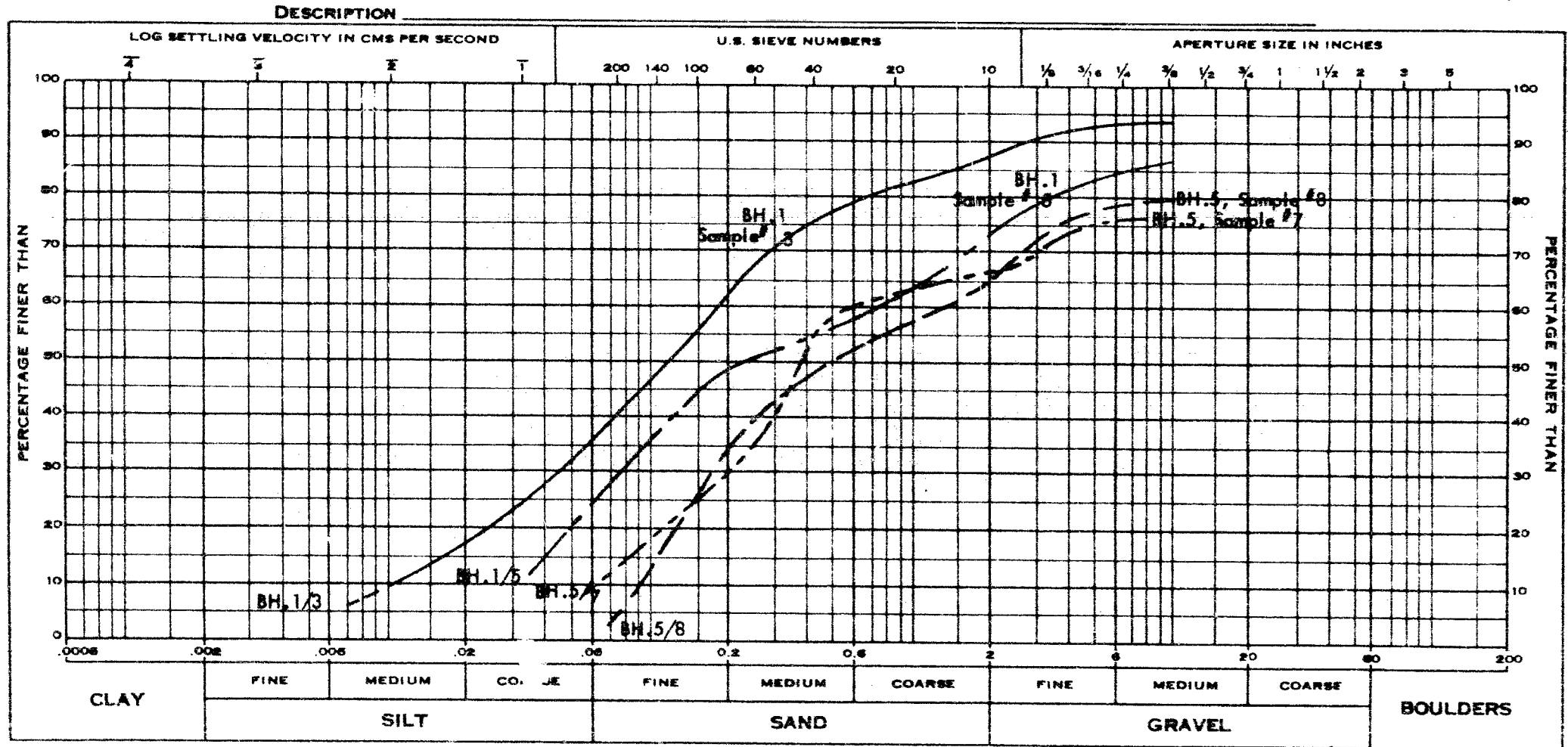


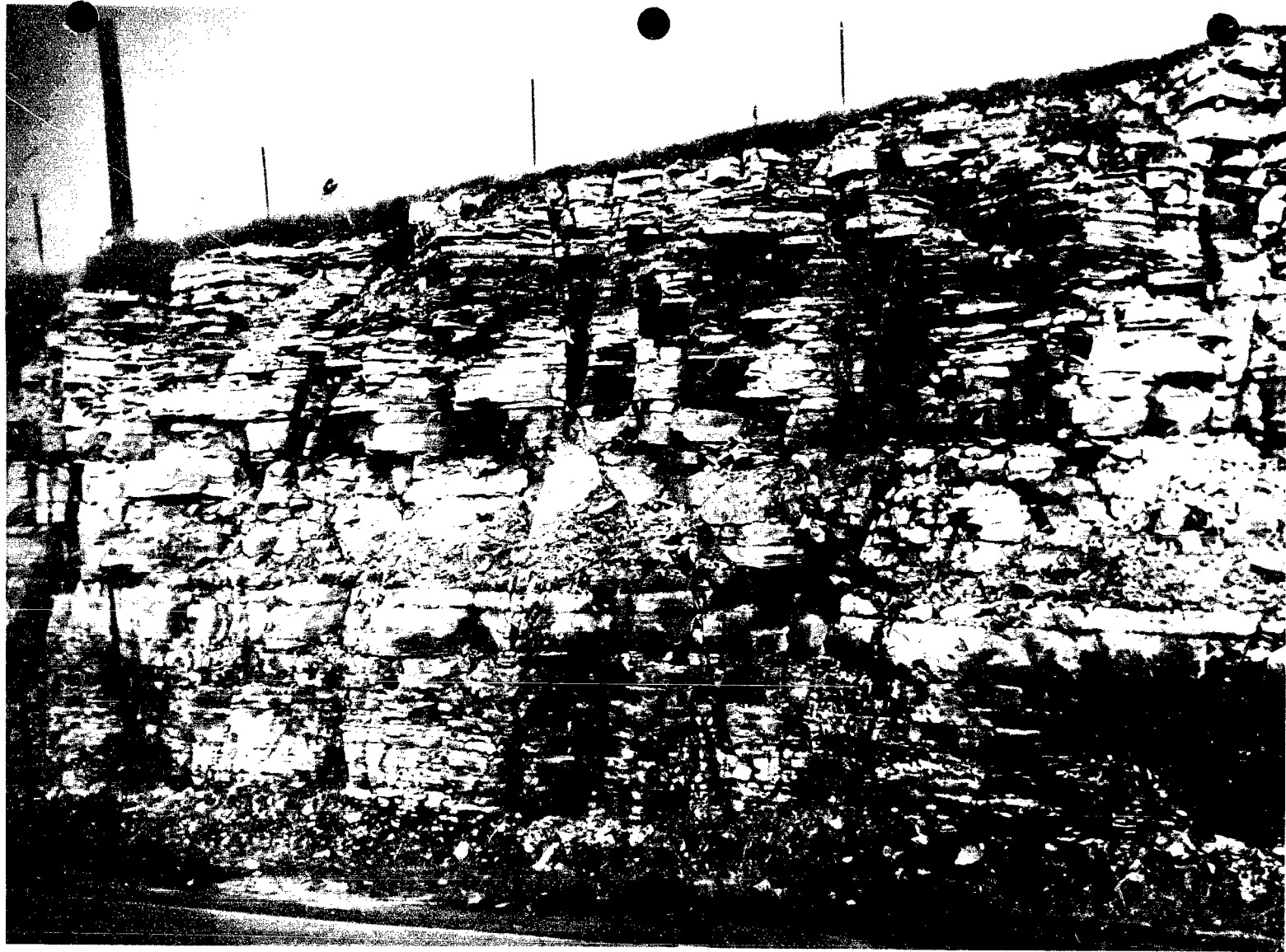
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BEDROCK AS EXPOSED IN CUT ON HIGHWAY N° 2
(about 2 miles from the proposed site)



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BOREHOLE LOG

PROJECT Proposed Crossing Hwy. 401 - Line "C", Napanee, Ontario ORDER NO. I.411/59
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BOREHOLE NO. BH.1 DIAMETER 2-1/2" & AX CASING BX

BOREHOLE LOCATION See Sketch INCLINATION Vertical BEARING ---

DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	ELEVATION	LEGEND	SAMPLE	DEPTH	THICKNESS	N	REMARKS
Dark brown loam with organic matter. TOP SOIL.	+341.0			Zero			
Loose brown somewhat clayey SAND with gravel & some organic matter.			• 1			5	Wet. Medium to high dry strength.
Firm brown somewhat clayey silty SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 2			20	do
Firm to dense do			• 3			32	do
Firm brown silty SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 4			23	Wet. Medium dry strength.
do			• 5	12'-3"		62(3")	do
Sand and gravel.				15'-0"			High N due to gravel.
Grey crystalline limestone. Varied jointing. Fairly sound rock.				17'-6"			15' to 17'-6" core recovery 99%.
				End of Borehole			

SCALE: 1" = 5'-0" • DISTURBED SAMPLE

■ UNDISTURBED SAMPLE

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BOREHOLE LOG

PROJECT Proposed Crossing Hwy. 401 - Line "C", Napanee, Ontario ORDER NO. T.411/59
W.P. 33-59CLIENT Ontario Department of HighwaysBOREHOLE NO. BH.2 DIAMETER 2-1/2" & AX CASING BXBOREHOLE LOCATION See Sketch INCLINATION Vertical BEARING ---FORM G-1A 800
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	ELEVATION	LEGEND	SAMPLE	DEPTH	THICKNESS	N	REMARKS
Dark brown loam with organic matter. TOP SOIL.	+ 348.0			Zero			
Dark brown silty SAND with gravel and some organic matter.			1			5	Damp. Medium dry strength.
Loose brown somewhat clayey silty SAND with fine to coarse subangular gravel. Some gravel decomposed.			2			4	Moist. Medium to high dry strength.
do			3			5	(8") do
Decomposed boulder			4			43	(4")
Brown fine to coarse SAND with gravel.			5				
Firm light brown silty generally fine SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			6			23	Wet. Medium dry strength.
Dense light brown generally fine SAND with some fine gravel.			7			55	Wet. Low dry strength.
Dark argillaceous limestone with black shale partings. Exhibits horizontal bedding. Jointing from parallel to 45° to core length. Sound rock.				15'-0"			15'-0" to 19'-8" core recovery 99%
do							19'-8" to 21'-6" core recovery 90%
do							21'-6" to 23'-4" No recovery.
At 24' to 24'-9" grey limestone. Broken core.							23'-4" to 25'-0" core recovery 70%
Grey to dark grey limestone with black shale partings. Includes breccia containing sandstone fragments. Some jointing parallel to 20° to core length. Horizons of solution cavities. Probable healed fault zone. Fairly sound rock.				30'-0"			25'-0" to 30'-0" core recovery 95%
				End of Borehole			

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SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

BOREHOLE LOG

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CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways

BOREHOLE NO. BH.3 DIAMETER 2-1/2" & AX CASING BX

BOREHOLE LOCATION See Sketch INCLINATION Vertical BEARING ---

DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	ELEVATION	LEGEND	SAMPLE	DEPTH	THICKNESS	N	REMARKS
	+346.0			Zero			
Dark brown loam with organic matter. TOP SOIL.			• 1			4	Damp
Loose brown somewhat clayey silty fine to coarse SAND with fine subangular gravel. Traces of organic matter.			• 2			7	Moist. Medium to high dry strength.
Loose brown somewhat clayey silty SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel, pockets of medium to coarse sand.			• 3			7	Wet. Medium to high dry strength.
Dense light brown silty fine to coarse SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 4			43	Wet. Medium dry strength.
do			• 5			39	Moist. Medium dry strength.
			• 6			34	do
			• 7	19'-10"		16	(10") No recovery
20' to 22' grey to dark grey argillaceous limestone. Occasional shale partings.							20'-0" to 25'-0" core recovery 95%
22' to 24' breccia includes sandstone fragments.							
24' to 25' grey sandy limestone with solution cavities. Some jointing at 45° to core length.				25'-0"			
				End of Borehole			

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BOREHOLE LOGPROJECT Proposed Crossing Hwy. 401 - Line "C", Napanee, Ontario ORDER NO. T.411/59CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways W.P. 33-59BOREHOLE NO. BH.4 DIAMETER 2-1/2" & AX CASING BXBOREHOLE LOCATION See Sketch INCLINATION Vertical BEARING ---











DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	ELEVATION	LEGEND	SAMPLE	DEPTH	DI. CASING	N	REMARKS
Dark brown loam with organic matter. TOP SOIL.	+ 339.0	UNDISTURBED	• 1	Zero		4	Moist.
Very loose brown somewhat clayey silty generally fine SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel. Some organic concentrations.			• 2			2	Wet. Medium to high dry strength.
Loose light brown somewhat clayey silty SAND with fine subangular gravel.			• 3			11	do
			• 4			23	No recovery.
Firm light brown generally fine silty SAND with fine to coarse subangular gravel.			• 5	artesian		34	Moist. Low to medium dry strength. High N due to gravel. Water under artesian pressure rising to 340'.
			• 6	20'-0"		-	Wash sample 20'-0" to 22'-6" core recovery 50%.
Sand, gravel & boulders.				22'-6"			22'-6" to 25'-0" core recovery 80%.
Grey limestone with varied jointing. Broken core.				25'-0"			
				End of Borehole			

SCALE: 1" = 5'-0" • DISTURBED SAMPLE

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BOREHOLE LOGPROJECT Proposed Crossing Hwy. 401 - Line "C", Napanee, Ontario ORDER NO. I.411/59CLIENT Ontario Department of Highways W.P. 33-59BOREHOLE NO. BH.5 DIAMETER 2-1/2" & AX CASING BXBOREHOLE LOCATION See Sketch INCLINATION Vertical BEARING ---

DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	ELEVATION	LEGEND	SAMPLE	DEPTH	THICKNESS	N	REMARKS
	+343.0			Zero			
Dark brown loam with organic matter. TOP SOIL.			• 1			6	Damp.
			• 2			10	Wet. No recovery.
Brown to grey generally fine silty SAND. Little clay.			• 3			15	Wet. No recovery. 7' - 10' wash sample.
Firm brown generally fine silty SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 4			19	Moist. Medium dry strength.
do			• 5			16	do
Light brown fine silty SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 6			-	
Firm brown somewhat silty fine to coarse SAND with fine to medium subangular gravel.			• 7			16	Moist. Low to medium dry strength.
Firm brown generally medium to coarse SAND with fine gravel.			• 8			18	Wet. Low dry strength.
do			• 9			-	do
Sand, gravel & boulders.				30'-0"			
Grey argillaceous limestone with joints at 20° to core length.				31'-6"			30' to 31'-6" core recovery 20%
Broken core.				32'-6"			31'-6" to 32'-6" core recovery 75%.
			End of Borehole				

SCALE: 1" = 5'-0" • DISTURBED SAMPLE

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