From the analysis it is evident that the mineral conforms in a general way to the columbite formula and may be considered as columbite in which some manganese and iron is replaced by uranium, which is present in sufficiently important amount to justify making it a new species.

The age of the mineral was determined as about 300 million years which is very much lower than that of the Ontario uraninites (1100-1200 million) but this result is not conclusive, as, in the writer's experience minerals of this sort often give very much lower age results than they should, due doubtless to the leaching or replacement of part of the lead.

That the material analyzed can be a mixture or intergrowth appears highly improbable. The microscopic examinations revealed no evidence of a lack of homogeneity. Nevertheless because of the opaque character of the mineral the possibility that it might be an intergrowth or mixture of columbite and uraninite was considered though no uraninite was found in the dike. If this were the case treatment with nitric acid would remove the uraninite, a test which was applied with negative results.

The name Toddite is proposed for this mineral in honor of E. W. Todd of the Ontario Department of Mines who has contributed so much to our knowledge of Canadian radioactive minerals.

# NOTES ON THE MINERAL LOCALITIES OF RHODE ISLAND. I. PROVIDENCE COUNTY

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A recent survey of the minerals of the state of Rhode Island which are included in the museum collections of the Department of Geology of Brown University and of Roger Williams Park of Providence, together with a careful study in the field by the authors and others have revealed the presence of at least sixty species of minerals from forty-five localities. A brief discussion of the chief mineral localities and occurrences in Providence County<sup>1</sup> is here recorded.

<sup>1</sup> A paper is being prepared by the authors on the remaining localities.

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MINERALS FOUND

Actinolite Albite Allanite Ankerite Anthophyllite Apatite Aragonite Arfvedsonite Augite Azurite Barite Beryl Biotite ' Boltonite Bowenite Calcite Chalcopyrite Crocidolite Cryolite Cyanite Dolomite Enstatite Epidote

Fluorite Galena Garnet Glaucophane Gold<sup>2</sup> Göthite Graphite Hematite Hornblende Hortonolite Ilmenite Ilvaite Tamesonite Knebelite Limonite Magnetite Malachite Melanterite Microcline Muscovite Molvbdenite Octahedrite Opal Orthoclase Ottrelite Phlogopite Pyrite Pyrolusite Pyrrhotite Quartz Rhodochrosite Rhodonite Riebeckite Rutile Scapolite Scolecite Serpentine Siderite Sphalerite Talc Titanite Tourmaline Tremolite Zoisite

#### LOCALITIES

#### CRANSTON

Fenner's Ledge on Cranston street has been worked in the past for graphite and graphitic anthracite and shows quite a number of the minerals listed from Violet Hill, Manton Avenue. Large veins of fibrous quartz replacing actinolite traverse the exposure.

LOCALITY	MINERALS FOUND	REMARKS
Fenner's Ledge	Actinolite	With graphite.
	Graphite	Foliated, veined and bedded in shale.
	Hematite	Bright red in shale.
	Limonite	Yellow and iridescent.
	Melanterite <sup>3</sup>	Yellow and white, incrusting.
	Ottrelite <sup>4</sup>	Small lustrous plates in schist.
	Pyrite	In shale.
÷	Quartz	Massive, crystalline. Pseudomor-
	Talc	phous after actinolite.
2 In chalconvrit	•	With quartz in schist.

<sup>2</sup> In chalcopyrite.

<sup>3</sup> Occurring with the melanterite but not directly in contact with it are two different iron sulphates, one almost pure white and the other of a cream color. Both show considerable amounts of ferric iron and magnesium is noted in the pure white one.

<sup>4</sup> A study of ottrelite, its crystallography, chemistry and origin is being made by the authors with Prof. C. W. Brown and will be presented in a later paper.

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# CUMBERLAND

Fully one-half of the minerals of Providence county are found within the limits of this township. Quartz, epidote and hematite are common while fluorite and galena are more or less abundant.

LOCALITY	MINERALS FOUND	Remarks
Beacon Pole Hill	Arsenopyrite	Rare.
	Crocidolite	Blue, fibrous, with smoky quartz.
	Quartz	Smoky.
Copper Mine Hill	Actinolite	
	Azurite	Rare. Coatings on chalcopyrite.
	Chalcopyrite	Massive, with magnetite.
	Epidote	Veined.
	Hornblende	
	Magnetite	Massive, with cumberlandite.
	Malachite	Botryoidal, with chalcopyrite.
Cumberland Hill	Beryl	Green crystals, sparingly, with quarts.
Village	Biotite	Small plates.
-in quartz veins	Calcite	In glacial boulders with sphalerite, siderite and cryolite.
	Chalcopyrite	With galena and sphalerite.
	Chlorite	Altering to magnetite and ilmenite.
	Cryolite	Same as calcite.
	Cumberlandite	Massive.
	Epidote	Massive. Some large crystals.
	Fluorite	Octahedrons. Purple chlorophane.
	Galena	Cubes, octahedrons, some coated
		with pyrite, sphalerite, chal-
	x	copyrite and fluorite.
	Hematite	Fine crystals in veins in chlorite.
	Hornblende	Elongated crystals on quartz.
	Ilmenite	Lustrous plates in chlorite schist.
	Limonite	Coatings on quartz.
	Magnetite	Small octahedrons.
	Malachite	Botryoidal. Rare. On chalcopyrite.
	Molybdenite	In boulders with magnetite.
	Phlogopite	Crystals near contact with schist.
	Pyrite	Crystalline. Not common.
	Pyroxene	Augite crystals in quartz.
	Quartz	Rock crystal; Smoky; Milky; Mas- sive; Ferruginous; Sagenitic, with hornblende and tourmaline; Prase.
	Siderite	In glacial boulders with calcite, etc.
	Sphalerite	"Black jack," crystalline, with chal-
. 6	-Truncino	copyrite, fluorite and galena.
<sup>5</sup> Schorl in quarte	z at contact with oneis	dichroite at contact with green schist.

Schorl in quartz at contact with gneiss, dichroite at contact with green schist.

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LOCALITY	MINERALS FOUND	REMARKS
-	Tourmaline <sup>5</sup>	Schorl in unterminated crystals, and dichroite, rare.
Diamond Hill	Barite Hematite Hornblende	Rare.
	Limonite	Coating quartz.
	Quartz	Var. Agate; Amethyst; Chalcedony; Chrysoprase; Heliotrope; Jasper; Milky; Onyx; Rock crystal; Sardonyx; Smoky.
	Zoisite	Dark crystalline with quartz.
Iron Mine Hill	Actinolite Epidote Hornblende	
	Hortonolite	Dark crystals.
	Ilvaite	In veins.
	Magnetite Molybdenite Pyrolusite	Massive in cumberlandite boulders. With magnetite. With iron ore and in gneiss.

Greenish with iron ore. White and green foliated with iron

## LINCOLN

ore.

Serpentine

Talc

The Harris limestone quarries in this township are rather important because of the abundance of minerals found and these include the beautiful specimens of flattened, yellowish-tinged quartz.

LOCALITY	Minerals found	Remarks
Harris Quarry	Calcite	Milky crystals, modified scaleno- hedrons and rhombohedrons; white
		calcite rhombs; Iceland spar.
		Limestone with graphite. Graphi-
		tic marble.
	Limonite	Black and brown.
	Opal	Blue coatings on weathered quartz.
	Quartz	Flat, tabular crystals, tinged with yellow in veins with calcite.
	Rutile	Minute brownish crystals in quartz.
	Scolecite	Minute crystals with calcite.
	Serpentine	Var. bowenite in limestone.
	Talc	White, pale green, foliated.

<sup>6</sup> These cuts are located along the right of way of the Providence to Woonsocket Electric Railway chiefly between Miner's Crossing and Lime Rock Station (Wilbur Road).

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LOCALITY Trolley cuts<sup>6</sup> MINERALS FOUND Actinolite Bowenite Calcite Chalcopyrite Göthite Malachite Molybdenite Muscovite Octahedrite Orthoclase Pyrite Quartz Rhodonite Serpentine

Titanite

Tremolite

REMARKS

In schist. With calcite. Milky, good rhombs, in schist. Massive in granite pegmatite. From pyrite. Botryoidal on chalcopyrite. Rare. In granite. Rather large plates in granite. White and pale pink crystals accompanying titanite. Bright red, pink and rarely white in granite porphyry. In cubes in granite and schist. Crystalline in veins; blue in contact. Massive and crystalline in schist. With calcite in schist. Black curved prisms in schist and granite.

# JOHNSTON

Centredale Calcite Mineral Spring Ave. Chalcopyrite Tremolite Smith street—in green Actinolite schist Calcite Chalcopyrite Epidote Magnetite Orthoclase Pyrite

One mile north

Rhombs, in green schist with epidote and quartz. With epidote and quartz. White, fibrous.

Rhombs, cream color. Auriferous. Massive and granular. Small octahedrons.

Massive.

Crystalline

Found in small amount in milky quartz dike in granite.

## OCHEE SPRINGS

This is probably one of the best localities in the State to study the effects of contact mineralization and the gradation of ironmagnesium minerals to the more calcic varieties along the contact of the green schist and limestone. Huge masses of steatite are present and in this locality there are numerous pits and cavities in the masses from which the Indians fashioned pots and bowls.

> MINERALS FOUND Actinolite

Ouartz

Jamesonite

Remarks

Green, bladed in schist-limestone contact.

MINERALS FOUND Ankerite

> Anthophyllite Calcite Chlorite Dolomite Hematite Hornblende Limonite Magnetite Pyrite

Siderite

Steatite Talc Tremolite

Actinolite

Ankerite

Boltonite

Calcite

Chalcopyrite Chlorite

Clinochlore

Dolomite

Enstatite Epidote

Hematite

Limonite

Magnetite Malachite

Orthoclase

Pyrrhotite

Pyrite Pyroxene

Ouartz

Hornblende

Apatite Asbestus Remarks

Brownish and black crystals in dolomite and limestone.

In clove brown crystals near contact. Small white crystals in the limestone. In green schist.

Brownish with ankerite and siderite. Sparingly in black crystals.

Crystals in green schist.

Pseudomorphs after pyrite.

With siderite.

Cubes, octahedrons, and pyritohedrons in steatite.

In veins and pale brown crystals in dolomite.

Gray massive.

Foliated, white and green in steatite. White, bladed, in limestone-schist contact.

## Violet Hill Manton Avenue

#### PROVIDENCE

Green, radiating. Rhombs in steatite. Yellowish crystals in chlorite schist. White, in seams in schist. Sparingly in yellow crystals with talc. Small crystals with talc and quartz. Massive in limestone with malachite. In schist. Small plates. Small transparent, colorless crystals in limestone. Yellowish, elongated crystals with calcite in schist. Black, lamellar, in limestone with chalcopyrite and malachite. Small black crystals. Pseudomorphs after pyrite. Small octahedrons in amphibolite. Botryoidal on chalcopyrite. Pink with epidote. In cubes in limestone and schist. Small crystals. In small crystals in schist and steatite. Chiefly as vein material.

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MINERALS FOUND	Remarks
Rhodochrosite	Same as rhodonite.
Rhodonite	Pink, with epidote and calcite.
Serpentine	Light and dark yellowish green with slickensided surfaces.
Steatite	Light gray.
Talc	White and pale green foliated with calcite.
Tremolite	White and fibrous.

# PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

#### PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

#### Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Oct. 7, 1926.

A stated meeting of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society was held on the above date with the President, Mr. Vaux, in the chair. Twenty-eight members and three visitors were present.

The following officers were elected for the year 1926-27:

President, George Vaux, Jr.

Vice-President, W. T. Clay,

Treasurer, Henry E. Millson

Secretary, F. A. Cajori

Councilor, H. W. Trudell

Mr. Vaux addressed the Society on the English and French mineral collections that he visited during the summer. The speaker described the famous Rashley collection of Cornwall minerals in which are unusual specimens of liroconite, cerussite and copper; the collection of economic minerals in the rooms of the Geological Society and the collection at the British Museum. The private collection of Mr. Arthur Russell of Reading contains a remarkable collection of minerals of the British Isles. The Natural History collection in Paris was likewise visited.

Mr. Cienkowski described a trip which he took during the summer to North Carolina. Attractive and large garnets were found in the mica mines in the vicinity of Spruce Pine and radio-active minerals, samarskite and gummite, were found in feldspar quarries also in this locality. Specimens of the minerals found on this trip were exhibited by the speaker.

Mr. Vaux exhibited several gems including cut morganite, kunzite and aquamarine from Madagascar.

F. A. CAJORI, secretary