

M.P.C. Group. Murillo ridge.- ? Older Mesozoic to ?  
Carboniferous.

This group, more than 4000 m thick, lies conformably below the Cretaceous without a distinct boundary. It cannot be satisfactorily correlated either with the Venezuelan older Mesozoic La Quinta Series or with the Permocarboniferous of any of the localities mentioned above. Lithologically, the lower and middle parts show affinities with the Pipiral and the Gachalá, while the upper part, because of its conformity with the Cretaceous, is considered older Mesozoic. If this is true, a considerable change of facies of the Jurassic to Carboniferous series, from the Tierra Negra ridge towards west and to the southwest plunge of the Mérida massif must be supposed.

The M&P&C. group has been divided into a lower part, named M.P.C. a) (1200 m. thick) and a thicker upper one, divided into formations from M.P.C. b to M.P.C. i. Lack of fossils prevents the division of the upper part into a Permo-Carboniferous and an older Mesozoic series. A lithological boundary may be traced between formation e and f, because above "e" no red intercalations occur. Possibly this division corresponds to that between P.C. 8 and P.C. 9 of the Tierra negra column.

Indeterminate bivalves were found in the f formation. Plant remains and stems are abundant, but only in one case a plant which might be determinable was found by Zanella.

a) M.P.C. a) Formation. 1200 m.

This oldest formation of the Murillo ridge consists of red sediments, shales and shaly sandstones. It is partly altered into gneisses and mica schists in the upper part; the lower part is completely gneissic, excepting some black schists which might suggest black shales.

Being a thick red shale and sandstone sequence, the upper part of the formation may correspond to P.C. 1 of the Tierra Negra ridge and to the Pipiral and Sabaneta series. Hess determined a similar red formation at the headwaters of Rio Cravo Norte, along the trend of the Murillo ridge. This may indicate that the facies of the Pipiral would extend to the Llanos Front in the Arauca zone and that in this direction unconformities must again be expected.

b) M.P.C. b) to i) Formation. M.P.C. b) about 300. m.

M.P.C. b) consists of well bedded to platy, brown olive to yellow brown, silty quartzitic sandstones, (the surface of which is densely covered with white mica), white fine to coarse grained quartzitic sandstones (probably discoloured by contact metamorphism) red sandstones and red, sandy shales.

M.P.C. c) 50 m.

This thin formation is typical. It is composed of black shales, limestones and siliceous, somewhat chertlike sandstones: no fossils could be found. Kehrer mentions cherts from the Carboniferous of Táchira.

M.P.C. d) (Torres sandstone) About 750 m.

This formation does not contain red sediments. It chiefly consists of light (white and yellow), medium to coarse grained, partly fine conglomeratic sandstone with numerous plant remains and stems. This quartz sandstone is frequently medium hard to soft; the quartz pebbles are mostly angular, only at the base rounded quartz pebbles were observed, Grey, dark grey, somewhat carbonaceous shales are interbedded.

M.P.C. e) 800 m or more.

This thick formation contains the same sandstone type as the d) formation, but alternates with red shaly sandstones and red shales. Plant detritus is less frequent than in the formation below.

M.P.C. f) 300 m.

It consists chiefly of shales, of grey, dark grey and greenish colours, mostly altered into hard slates. Plant remains occur rather rarely. One bed contains small concretions with well preserved, but indeterminate micro-bivalves. Interbedded blackish shales and siliceous sandstones were observed in the middle part. The lower shales are considerably micaceous and sandy and are interbedded with highly quartzitic sandstone.

M.P.C. g) 250 m.

This formation is composed of grey to dark grey and olive well bedded shales with plant remains, (including rather well preserved specimen) and of fine to medium grained platy and coarse, micaceous quartz sandstones frequently very micaceous. A thin coal seam occurs in this group.

M.P.C. h) (Concordia shale) 120 m.

This typical member consists of laminated, banded, medium thick bedded grey to dark grey, micaceous shales and shaly partly platy sandstones with a large amount of plant detritus.

M.P.C. i) (provisional top member)

Consists of white and yellow medium to coarse grained and fine conglomeratic quartz sandstones and grey shales. At the top carbonaceous and pyritic materials are abundant. Towards the bottom occur interbanded yellowish sandstones and shales highly micaceous on the surface, and thin bedded light green to brown, platy sandstones. Stems are frequent.

Prop. Tambor, cfl. Caguela, arriba boca Fregua.

Recint.: ALUVION 30-150 m Barro, arena, galvillas, carbono fluvial.

Pleist. Tarea 100 m Arenas, galvillas y cantos grandes.

Mioc. S. Miguel ~~Arenas, galvillas~~ Breviscagl., arenas abig., sin fósiles.  
narr. discord.

Mioc. Ospina 500-1000 m Arcillas, en parte aren. abig., interstrat. con  
aren. y cgl. medianas blandas, fluvial, sin fos., localm. e yeso

Olig. Orito 1200-2000 m Arcillolita verde gris a gris, muy limosa o arenosa, con  
mod. de caliza. Limolita: verde, grisacea, dura, compacta, arcillosa.  
Carbono y lignito en capas delgadas. Arenisca: gris, pizca, arenillosa

Soc. Peñino 150-400 m Aren. guijarrosa, cgl. maciza, color canela, con fregas. de  
horsturas granulares a grandes y gruesos. Forma columnas.  
Arcillolita y limolita gris a roja.

Paleoc. Rumiñaco 160-450 m Arcillolita blanda, rosada, roja o parda, localm. arenosa,  
alternan. con aren. roja o amarilla, arcillosa, localm. cgl. medianas.

Guadalupe - dilgado - Arenisca blanca a gris, negra tibia, friable, porosa y  
permeable.

"Villeta" 60-170 m Arcilla pizarra, gris clara a negra, calcárea, B, alternan. con  
caliza maciza B y aren. blanda y parda de horsturas y cuarcitas.

Caballito 105-325 Arenisca blanda, porosa, permeable, de cuarcita, cgl. basal.,  
grisácea con are. pizca. localm. B

Hutuna Arenisca arenosa, alternan. con arc. pizarra, roja o purpura.

Precañónicas.

El Ertaíce, el Hutuna se hallan en el macizo de  
Garmi desde el río Tambor al S.W.

## 2. Ele conglomerate.

The type localities are situated in the upper río Ele and in the Qda. del Potrero.

This very thick series is chiefly composed of massive, hard sandstone beds with numerous intercalations of fine to medium conglomeratic layers. Thin intercalations of shales are frequent.

The sandstones are white to greyish-white, sometimes brown weathering, fine to very coarse grained, frequently crossbedded and banded with dark, coaly, zig-zag lines. On the surface, they show a characteristic, rough, cavernous aspect with black, coaly skins and numerous carbonised stems of plants (up to 20 cm wide and often several meters long).

The intercalated conglomerate beds are not very thick (0,10 to 0,60 m), the pebbles being fine to medium grained. The prevailing colour of the pebbles is white, the principal constituents being quartzite, secondary light to dark grey sandstone and sometimes hard, black, very fine grained sandstone.

The shale layers are light grey to bluish grey, partly sandy, soft, rarely hard and finely micaceous, 0,05 to 1 m thick, and contain stems of plants and coaly shales with plant detritus.

The section which crops out in the río Ele measures 2500 m; 925 m correspond to the upper part, 375 m to the middle and 1200 m to the lower part.

### Divisions

- c) Upper part; consists only of fine conglomeratic intercalations in the sandstone. The grey shales show occasionally red-purple splotches.
- b) Middle part; is composed of fine to medium conglomeric intercalations. The shale beds are numerous, composed of soft to hard, finely micaceous material, with plants and plant detritus in the coaly layers. The plant stems are particularly frequent in the shales as well as in the sandstones and conglomerates, often being arranged in the form of layers. This middle part is highly pyritic and contains pyrite concretions.
- a) Lower part; composed of fine to medium conglomeratic layers, thin, brilliant coal layers, light grey, soft, finely micaceous shales and plant stems. In the upper part, an intercalation of deep red and green shales was observed.

Llamas Petrolíferas

Zona Río Orteguara, al Sur de Florencia.  
Sabanas Petrol. Co. Texco.

Pozo Curvinata No. 1. (Río Pescado, arriba confl. con Orteguara) Al S de Florencia  
Pies - Oliz.

0-1800 + Form. Sarabanda: Gredita aljarrada,  
en veces con arenisca grano medio fino, raras veces  
de grano grueso, gris o roja (vidrio), friable. En la  
parte baja gredita con yeso, anhidrita carbonosa, ademas  
arenos carbonácea y carbono, aren. fina friable, con  
interc. arenilla engastada.

1800-1900 Form. Bodoguero. - Oliz. Gredita gris, algo roja y púrpura.  
Poca arenilla eng. se, anhidrita.  
(contacto litos. brusco)

1930-2580 Form. Orteguara. - Oliz. - Pre. eng. gris verdosa, pocas veces gris parda, en veces arenisca  
grano vidriosa y arenisca. En base  
arenisca blanca, sílica, arenosa.  
(Gredita)

2580-3112 Form. Pepino. -  
Paloc. - Eoc.

3112 = 950 m Basamento: nosis duro, verde rojo.

Río Orteguara, al E de Curvinata (reducción del Pepino)  
Pozo La Restra No 1. en río Orteguara, poco abajo confl. río Pescado  
Orteguera.

0-1850: Form. Sarabanda: Gredita aljarrada, poca limolita y arenisca  
dura hasta blanda. En la parte baja gredita  
arc. eng. gris osc., en vez carbonácea, calcárea.  
Frecuentes niveles carbonáceos, carbono.

1850-2370: Form. Bodoguero: Gredita, arc. eng. lít., localm. carbonácea y calcáreas  
carbono fuscantes.

2370-2935: Form. Orteguara, Oliz. - Pre. eng. gris verde, raras veces color marrón,  
carbono parte alta. Poca limolita.

2935-3.088 (940m) Form. Pepino (Paloc-Eoc.). Masa blanca y gris, friable, arc. blanca,  
de grano grueso hasta cgl. En la parte alta alg.  
gredita blanca lenticular, olojana.

3088 - - - Basamento: Ripolita.

# Llanos Pueblaenses.

Pozo Solita No 1.  
Taxis Petrol Co.  
Río Caguaté abajo de Canangochal (Comis. Caguaté)

Pie's

- 0- Form. Sarabanda Oliv. 0-75' Gredita marrón gris, calcárea  
con poca areniscosa blanda, blanca  
75-115' Aren. gris, fina, -calcárea.  
115-555' Gredita abig., limosa y talo, y yeso  
con algunas arenas blanda y caliza fosil.  
555-650 Congl. fina, vidriado (vidrio y cuarzo)  
650-1094 Gredita abig., yesosa, localm. calcárea  
1094-1530. Gredita abig., yesosa, sin cal, localm.  
limosa y carbonácea, con poca  
arena, engrosada gris carbonácea.  
1530-1966. Gredita abig., yesosa, localm., calcárea  
con ladrón aren. fina  
1966-2420 Gredita abig., yesosa, espuma limosa  
y carbonácea. Pocas arenas neg. y capa fosil.  
2420-2280 Gredita abig., conoid. caliza y yesilla carbon.

Form. Bodoguero: 2280-2720

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- Oliv.  
Form. Antequera: 2720-2220 Arcilla engrosada gris, yesosa, limosa  
2220-3040 Arcilla engrosada gris, yesosa, limosa  
3040-3365 " " + , con gredita gris y verde.

Form. Peñino Encino

- 3365-3463 Gredita muy dura gris verdosa con granos  
cuarzo, lilita, pocas capas areniscadas  
lilita y cuarzo y pocas jijas de lilita.  
3463-3515 Gredita blanca, abig., limosa y yeso, fina cal.  
3515-3535 - Arc. eng. + dura, limosa + arenosa, pocas arenas finas.  
3535-3675. - Aren. fina agresiva, grano angularito, compuesta  
de cuarzo.

Betas entre 3675-3740. - Niza hornblendita, metacristalina  
en superficie  
113dm.

Discontinuitätsfläche  
Unstetigkeitsfläche von Mohorovicic-Annahme der Längstwellen von 28 auf  
etwa einer 8 km/sec spricht = Grenze: Lithosphäre - Astenosphäre  
Nach Benioff Grenze Erdkrustenbarrieren an 200 km Tiefe - Oberfläche im dichten Bereich  
die Existenz von tief. Vorgängen beweisen.

Erdkrusten:  
Noel Adams: Sial, mit weniger Si als Gabbro u. Basalt. Längst-wellen 6 km/sec  
Ultramafia mit viel größerer Si gehalt als Gabbro Bas. 8 km/sec  
Si = Gabbro - Basalt = 8 km/sec

Conrad-Diskontinuität, zwischen Grenze in Gabbro - 20-25 km Tiefe bei  
Uhr. u. Pasadena, in beiden Fällen mit Reflexionen  
der ~~neuen~~ Mohorovicic - Disk., die etwa 8 km tiefe  
liegt.

Erdkern! Bisher Michel-Born durchdringt, dass die Erde durch  
allmähliche Anhäufung von kaltem Material  
entstanden ist u. dass die Erde nie ganz  
geschmolzen war.

1300 km vom Erdkern beginnt der "inneren Kern", der möglicherweise fest ist,  
während "äußerer Kern" flüssig daheim Tremorwellen  
durch den äußeren Kern beobachtet werden u. die Erde  
als ganzes nachgiebig ist, als wenn es durchaus  
festen Kugel zu erwarten ist. Die meiste Geophysik ist her-  
rühren an, dass "innerer Kern" am festesten, der "äußere" am flüssigsten.  
Eisen besteht vielleicht auch aus geschmolz. Gesteinsmaterial  
Langsame Konvektionsströmung in Erdkern anzunehmen, als  
Ursache für magnetfeld der Erde anzunehmen.

Grundfrage der Allgemeinen Tekttonik L. Geol. Rundschau Bd 45, Heft 2, 1956  
W. W. Belousov, übertr. v. S. v. Bubnov

Pkt. 1) Oszillationsche, plötzliche u. rupturale Bewegung  
Primäre tief. Bewegung durch Herausdrücken der Tiefe horizontale  
u. längs oszillat. Bewegung entsteht.  
Sekund. Beweg. abgeleitet von Spannungen, durch primäre Beweg.  
hervorgerufen u. durch versch. Reakt. der Gesteine auf diese  
Spannungen; sie reagieren auf plötzliche u. rupturale Erscheinungen.  
032. Nat. Beweg. 2-teilig. 1) allg. Schwing. od. Pulsationen die  
primär. Tremor u. Rhyth. heranführen. Dic 2) wellenförmige  
Beweg. bedingen Einwulstung u. Aufwölbung der Erdkruste  
erkennbar an wichtigen u. Faziesänderungen  
Etappen od. Zyklen allg. Schwing. 150 mill. Jahre, die  
allg. Schwing. in Zukunft wiedergibt sich u. sinkt, da  
Kontinent.

Wellenförm. 002. Beweg. auf Auflösung same magnetischen Kräfte  
u. Einfließen barischer  
Ozeane in Poläre Flächen (Kaledonien, Guyana). In allen der  
Wasserumenge der Erde im Polärem gegen beide  
Ozeane übersetzt mit erloschener u. versteinerten Vulkanen

METRES	FORAMINIFERAL ZONES	AGE & MEGAFOSSELS OCCURRENCE	LITHOLOGY
0	Siphogenerinoides Cretacea ZONE	CAMPANIAN	Soft, grey-brown shales
15m	Marginulina Jonesi ZONE	SANTONIAN?	Soft to hard black calcarous shale, in part with calcareous concretions.
25	"Bolivina" explicata Level	Benthisceras, Peroniceras OR Terebratules	
50	Pseudinalina redimundi ZONE		
75		FLOAT: Baculites, Barroisiceras, Hoplitoides	Medium to hard, black to dark grey calcareous shale with varying amounts of limestone concretions ranging in size from 20cm to 8m. Size distribution as indicated by symbols in column.
100	many Sample of Siphogenerinoides bentonstonei		
125	INTERVAL OF ABUNDANT Globotruncana, Globigerinella, Gumbelina, Radiolaria		Chert
150		Barrisioceras, Hoplitoides, Peroniceras	
175		Baculites, Barroisiceras, Didymostis, Discoramus	
200	Globigerinella, Gumbelina, Radiolaria	CONIACIAN TURONIAN	
225m		- Metaceras	

NOTE: section below "Bolivina" explicata from Quebrada El Salto. Higher part of sections from wells

After V. Potters

Composite columnar section showing stratigraphic positions of Siphogenerinoides bentonstonei Redmond, n.sp.

A new Siphogenerinoides from the Coniacian of Colombia - C.D. Redmond.  
Micropaleontology, Vol. 1, No. 3, pg. 242-243, 1955

Siphogenerinoides bentonstonei Redmond, n.sp. taken NW of Las Palmas, Tolima region and crossing of r. Los Robles and the trail connecting Tres Palmas to Llano Chiquito, approx. 17.5 km N of Aquadicha on Jamarral-Ocaña aerial cable line.

New Classification

Orb. Chiriví (Olsson, Tiddings, Bosworth)

Heath Sh.	U. Olig.	U. Olig.	Heath Sh (of North)
Mancora Cgl.	U. Olig.	U. Olig.	Mancora Fm. (of North) incl. Punta Braga grits
Cone Hill		U. Olig. (?)	Heath Sh (Cone Hill facies of the South)
Mirador sd. cgl.		U. Olig.	Mancora Fm. (Mirador of South)
Chira Sh.		L. Olig.	Chira (Bayoven) Sh.
Vidon sd	U. Eocene		Saman Fm. (incl. Verdung grits)
Pozo Sh.		Upper	Pozo Sh.
Talara Sst		Eo-	Talara Sst
Talara Sh		Cene	Talara Sh (Barroso facies)
Basal Talara Cgl.	U. Eocene		Lamitas (or Saman) agl.
Cabo Blanco sh & sst		Middle	Restin fm. (part)
Checa Sh	L. Eo-		Cabo Blanco sd, locally, beds of Parinac fm.
Parinac sd	Cene	Eocene	Restin fm. (part)
Pale Greda sh & sst	(Midway)		Parinac sand
Salina-Nigritas sh, sd. & agl.	- Paleocene		Pale Greda fm.
Balcones Sh	(Danian)	Lower	Salina fm.
Mesa Sds		Eocene	U. Negritas fm.
Petacas Sh, Apacha cgl.	Upper Cret.		Lower Negritas sh.
			not known

(X) Miscorrelation of the Mirador and Cone Hill facies of the La Parea - Parinac Estate with the Mancora and Heath of the Zorrilla region.

Petacas = Monte Grando fm + Maestrichti; *Rugoglobigerina rugosa* & *Globotruncina globulosa*  
Ancha Cgl. - Conformable between the Campas - Maestricht Redondo Sh & the Maestricht Petacas Sh.  
Not demonstrably conformable above Petacas; correlative with basal Mar Pass Cgl. 10 km S of Paita,  
whence conformable on late Maestricht fm; and thus these  
Mesa and Mar Pass sh. conform to Balcones fm. both  
indicate their lower Paleocene age.

Balcones (Frizzel, Bull. Am. Ass. Petrol. Geol., Vol. 17, pp. 331-53) *Hansonnaea oxycone*, *Pseudoclavolina*  
(*Clavolinoides avic.*) clavata, *Spiriplектomina graybowskii*, *Pelosina scruposa*.  
B. Stone: *Zachatina epizona* var. - Belenes = Velasco sp. Minico (younger than Navarro  
and older than basal Tertiary Midway of Texas and  
not represented in the Gulf Coast Section (Frizzel).

The Petacas - *Spiriplектomina* only in lower half of Peruvian Paleocene;  
U. Paleocene represented by *Globotruncina crassata aequa*, *Pelosina*  
*arkadephiana* midway census, *Liphaconica elegans*, etc. This  
succession is roughly that of lower unit stage ("Danian") and  
an upper one ("Midway"). The "Danian" would represent the  
Chambers - Lizard Spring & of Trinidad; the "Midway" would be the Soldado form.

-- Maestricht Petacas Sh.

----- Ancha Petacas Cgl.

----- Camp. Maestricht Redondo Sh.

The Soils of Moçambique  
Tanganyika Col. Survey Dept. - Ball No 24  
Mr. E. Salazar, Govt. Print. 1955.

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Tipo las Disposiciones Invest. Suelos.

Introd

Trabajos precedentes Parte I

Geología

Drenaje.

Geología

Condiciones climáticas (Mínimas, Temperatura)

Falta de agua, corriente, submersiones. Tablas de agua.

Vegetación. Tipos relación con geomorf.

Parte II.

SUELOS (Catálogo)

Introd: Grupos de suelos según su material parental.

Suelos Antiguos.

Suelos Típicos

Características generales de los suelos de las sendas antiguas y típicas.

Examen petrográfico: grueso grano, <sup>particularmente</sup> mineral pesado, lisis.

Minerales nómadas y granulares. Necesidad de conservar agua.

arena y yeso, silt, grava, humedad.

Carbon orgánico, ratio carbono/materia.

nitrógeno, calcio intercambiable, potasio,

fósforo disuelto

Características morfológicas y composición grisométrica.

Espesor, color, estructura, consistencia, textura.

Nutrientes de plantas contenidos en cada tipo de suelo.

Formación de suelos.

Hasta cierto punto el silt y fértilita (arcillas gruesas, la textura gruesa, seco, parda, humedad).

Productividad y potencial agrícola.

Todos los suelos tropicales pobres en nutrientes de plantas, pero son igualmente productivos al someterlos a cultivo, no obstante, no europeos. El problema es controlar la pérdida rápida de materia orgánica y la preservación de la productividad. Aplicación de fertilizantes artificiales, que consiguen necesariamente deficiencias de suelos, p.e. calcio, fósforo, azufre, etc.

Poco se sabe en general sobre relación de suelos tropicales a toda aplicación de camioneras de fertilizantes.

Factores climáticos, especialmente distribución de lluvias.

En la producción de granos del trópico, a igual que las condiciones físicas del suelo, abierto de agua, necesitan de soluciones del suelo, capacidad de retener la humedad.

Debe observarse sobre todo:

1) Conservar el suelo topo, así su material orgánico.

2) mantener la estructura del suelo topo de manera que el aire y la humedad puedan penetrar libremente.

3) conservar el agua del suelo, previniendo evaporación superficial y protegiendo contra

estos resultados de la radiación solar.

Atormentar, estriolar antes de las lluvias, suelos que se agitan al sol debajo arbustos con arbustos leguminosos de raíces profundas, cultivo de pasto, lotos de bananos y otros cultivos vegetales están también estepa, rápida como hierba descomponerse rápidamente.

Donde hay cultivos mixtos, no los mejor resultados de naturales que dejar la leña aparte, en la práctica de cultivos, conservar la actividad de granos.

Conclusiones: Génesis suelos tienen una relación estrecha con geomorfología.

Los suelos todos muy variados y pobres en nutrientes. El clima tiene una influencia en la formación de los suelos que la naturaleza de la flora subtropical. La influencia de los cultivos es importante, y también la humedad sobre el desarrollo del suelo.

Saburanae Sliding in Western Venezuela (state of Lara)

O. Renz, R. Lehmann & S. van den Heuvel.

Bull. Am. Assoc. Petrol. Geol. Vol. 39, No. 10, 1955, pp. 2053-2062.

### Stratigraphy.

#### State of Lara. Regular Section.

900m: Cogollo: On la Omita, Nf. Coraniqua

L. Cogollo: Basal cyl of quartz pbs; above cryst. lst. Choff. decipiens,  
achirodium p. pullonense. biostromal lst:

H. Cogollo: mainly biostromal lst, w. t., mgo-fogl orthoquartzite.  
In upper part 10-10m Orbitolina texana (Roemer). Rudists.

U. Cogollo: U. Albian; alvars. Lst & sst. Upper part with Venericeras,  
Paracerasurus, Hysteroceras & Perisquiceras

270m.

#### La Luna

L. La Luna: lst w. concretions & Hypothorrites, Acanthoceras,  
Mantilliceras = Ceromara.

M. La Luna: Marls & Shales w. few lst & Co. v. ammonites of Lower  
U. Turon: Hammarites, Hippitoides, Fagesia, Neo-  
ptychites, v. part; Coelopoceras.

U. La Luna: thickbedded lst w. stringers of chert & Coniscian  
ammon.; Barraceras, Paracerasurus, Gastlioceras.

450m: Colan Thick Shales conc. with Colan of la Pae-Hara. Base, glauconite-phosphate  
zone, a few metres thick, passing into shales w. Leptogane-  
rinoides, Globotruncina & Bolivina. In middle part  
conspicuous lst, above which Baculites sp. of Senon.  
Overlying sh. w. poor micrfauna & abundant fa. co.

670m: Palocene. Conform. on Cret. Alters. lst & sst w. Sh. lenses. lower part  
w. Venericeras, group planicosta. U. part Lithotamnium  
w. large oysters common Ranikothalia

220m: M. Eocene. & lower Eocene missing; Palocene ~~unconformable~~ below M. Eoc. <sup>unconform.</sup>  
7250- U. Eocene sh. - ...

M. Eoc. granular oolithic fm-stone, bivalved weathering. w.  
calc. intercal. Faunes, identical w. Carache Valley (Trujillo)

Bergmisenito trough. - slabs section?

U. Creb. - mainly cherts, prob. Senon, conformably below 6th sh. n. Colan form.

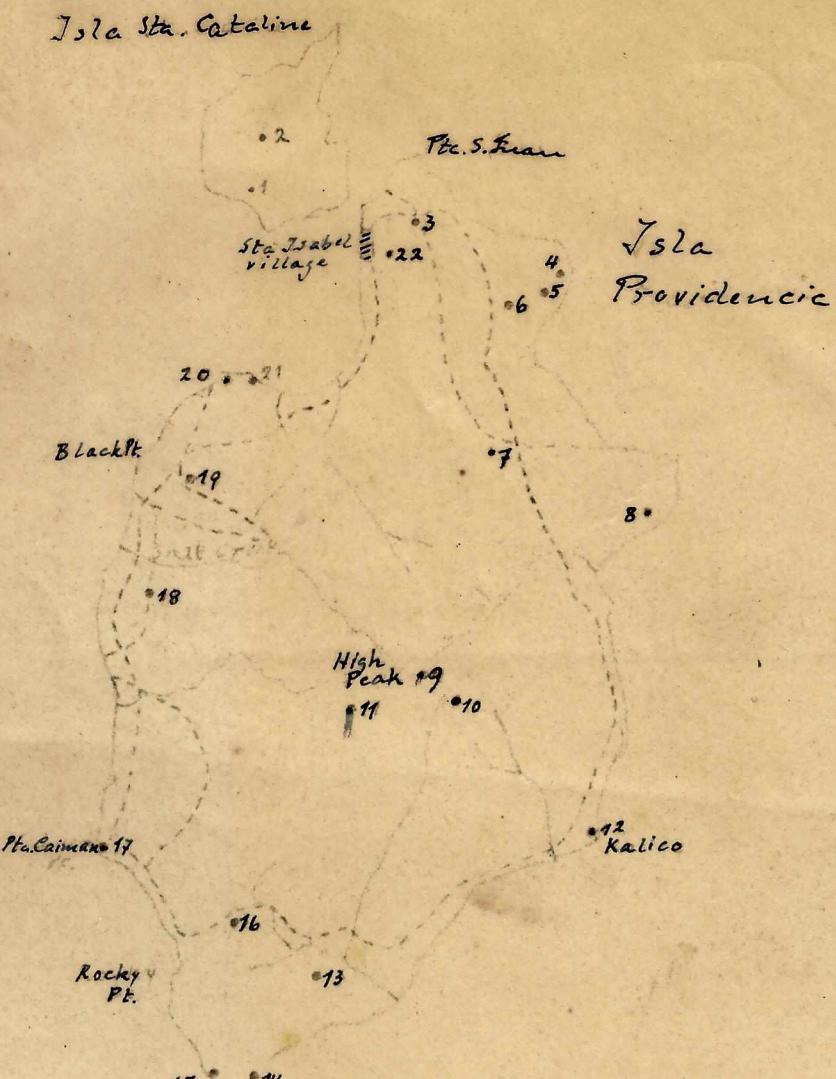
1350m: Palocene. - Conform. on U. Creb.: monob. seg. of dk. gr to bl. sh w. thin fm, impure sst  
& intraformational breccias. L. part bouldered shales, Cogollo lst  
In sh. above Colona Lithoth. nefs w. Ranikothalia Candri, Discocyclina  
(Discocyclina) cf. nestivii Vaughan.

1300m: L. Eocene. - Conform. on Palocene: Basal cyl. Sst w. pebbles w. large Paleoceras; considered  
to be l. Eoc. Above monoton. bl. p. d. gr. Sh. w. bl. ds. cryst. Coct.  
& Paleocene rocks. Bl. & br. lentic. fm-stone w. Mantillic. /big br.  
a conspicuous sst w. pbs of Paleocene, overlain by breccia & pebbles  
w. larger l. eocene (Amphistyridia aff. cubensis Palmer, Heterostygina  
sp. Eoconularoides of well-known Bermudas, Discocyclina (Disc.) anconensis Parker  
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> 900m: M. Eocene: Starts w. Sh. w. Pseudophryxina (Protophyxina) renzi, de Cizana. In l. Sh. bl. bed. Above  
Sh. as below. w. 3cm sst beds.

Location of Mitchell's Samples

Isla Sta. Catalina



Sketch of Providencia  
(Intendencia San Andrés  
y Providencia)

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 La Právidencia<sup>(19870 F.c.t.)</sup> and San Andrés, West Indies. - By Raoul Mitchell, Consulting  
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Extracto petrográfico de Providencia:

LP 1. Augite-andesite. Brown black, oily looking rock, with amigdales of bluish opal. Phenocrysts of andesine and augite, with blende. Groundmass of plagioclase and devitrified glass of very fine grain. Summit of highest hill in Sta. Catalina island.

LP 3. Basalt. Greenish augite phenocrysts and abundant lathes of labradorite. Serpentine (?), developing from decomposed blackish mineral which may be olivine. Crest of road running East from Sta Isabel to east coast.

LP 4. Augite andesite. Similar to LP 1, containing much less opal, which, however, is highly fractured. 150 m from summit of NE Hill, eastern slope.

LP 5. Analcite-andesite. Greenish-brown, deeply weathered rock. Zonal plagioclase, chiefly of albite composition, and purplish pleochroic augite in almost equal proportions. Olivine altered to serpentine. Microlites of augite and very small flakes of biotite. Scattered round grains of analcite occurring between the plagioclases, and, in some cases, replacing the latter to varying degrees. One or two clusters of calcite. Near base of southern slope of NE Hill.

LP 6. Essexite (?). Greenish-grey rock, of distinct diabasic texture. Andesine the predominant plagioclase, but albite and labradorite recognized. K-orthoclase occurring as irregular borders around the plagioclases. Purple pleochroic augite. Lathes of strongly pleochroic biotite. Natrolite replacing plagioclase in places. 100 feet below summit of northern side of the gash, Split Hill.

LP 7. Hypersthene-basalt. Greenish-brown rock, fine-grained, with greasy lustre. Several large phenocrysts of hypersthene and clusters of albite in needle-like form. Hypersthene partly altered to poorly pleochroic bluish bastite. Fine, even-grained groundmass of plagioclase, zoisite and augite, lastnamed largely altered to chlorite. Relatively large amount of recrystallized magnetite and thin lathes of apatite. 100 feet below summit of Fair Way Hill, eastern slope.

LP 8. Nepheline-basalt. Brown grey rock. "Hourglass" structure, greenish augite phenocrysts, also euhedral crystals of olivine phenocrysts altering to iron oxydes. Holocrystalline groundmass of augite, nepheline, biotite, analcite and calcite. The nepheline is largely decomposed, showing radiating clusters of acicular crystals. Summit of High Peak.

LP 10. Diabase. Medium-grained, dark grey, deeply weathered rock, with spheroidal structure. Characteristic ophitic texture. Oligoclase and albite prismatic crystals, with inclusions of apatite. Pale-yellow dipside, highly altered to green chlorite. Cubic crystals of magnetite, altering to limonite. Idiomorphic ilmenite. Partly chloritized uralite. Fine-grained aggregates of quartz, of secondary origin. Middle of the saddle between High Peak and hill to the SE.

LP 11. Diorite. Coarse grained, greyish rock. Anorthite and bluish augite comprise 90% of the specimen. Minor constituents chiefly hornblende and magnetite. Much of the plagioclase has undergone sericitization, but little chloritization of the augite is evident. Some quartz shows undulatory extinction. Ilmenite, apatite and magnetite chief accessories. Spanish Saddle, 120 feet below summit, western slope.

LP 12. Quartz-biotite-diorite. Greyish-brown, medium grained rock. Albite, oligoclase, quartz and biotite of hypidiomorphic occurrence. The plagioclases are partly sericitized. Quartz has enclosures of apatite as well as gaseous and liquid inclusions. Disclosed blackish biotite, altering to diorite. Brownish-green hornblende, octahedral magnetite, zircon, chlorite and orthoclase also present. Kalico Point.

LP 13. Quartz-biotite-hornblende-diorite. Similar to LP 12, but hornblende, of colourless variety, more prominent. 75 ft. below summit of Murray Hill, eastern slope.

Great and little cone slopes composed  
of volcanics, essentially andesitic, usually  
fringed by coral reefs.

LP 14 Quartz-hornblende diorite. Fine grained, greyish-green rock. Partly-twinned albite, showing partial claritization, Hornblende in places corroded and partly decomposed into epidote. Quartz and plagioclase show granophyric intergrowths. Prisms of apatite in the plagioclase. Headland at extreme SE corner.

LP 15 Quartz-biotite-diorite. Similar to LP 12, but shows needles of tourmaline ~~Plagioclase~~ and veinlets of epidote. Lighthouse at extreme SW corner.

LP 16 Quartz-biotite-diorite. Similar to LP 15, minus tourmaline. Plagioclase more sericitized and saussuritized. 200 yd on west side of road crossing island at S-end.

LP 17 Hypersthene-andesite Tuffaceous shale. Greenish black, fine-textured, laminated, calcareous shale which could also be considered a stratified ash. Very soft, but less pliable than ordinary shale. Small specks of magnetite and what is considered carbonaceous matter are present. Possible fossil fragments, determination not made, but are foraminifera. Punta Caiman.

LP 18 Hypersthene-andesite. Greyish brown, finegrained rock. Idiomorphic phenocrysts of bytownite, labradorite and andesine, with complex twinning, also a few phenocrysts of hypersthene, showing good prismatic cleavage and pleocroism. Scattered, strongly pleocroic hornblende. Magnetite occurring as a few octahedral crystals. Some microlites of augite. Half-way up W slope of Sugar Loaf.

LP 19 Trachy-andesite. Grey-black, deeply weathered rock of pronounced porphyritic appearance. The core of the plagioclase phenocrysts consists of bytownite-Labradorite, changing to ~~andesine~~ andesine at the margins. Inlets of sanidine(?). Some plagioclase crystals measure up to 1 cm. in length. Also phenocrysts of black augite and corroded, greenish hornblende. Micro-crystalline groundmass of blackish hornblende, blue black augite, grey diopside, but chiefly of siliceous material. Few specks of quartz recognized. Half-way up western slope of hill behind Buenavista.

LP 20 Augite-basalt. Greyish-black rock of porphyritic appearance. Large phenocrysts (up to 1,4 cm) of blue augite, showing "hour glass" structure, and zoned plagioclase. Magnetite and olivine altering to serpentine, also chlorite prominent. Skeletal grains of ilmenite. In hand specimen, black augite crystals easily detached from the rock, and show good prism and clinodome faces. 135 ft from summit of Mt. Prosperous, N slope.

LP 21 Coral Limestone. White, porous rock, partly re-crystallized, consisting chiefly of coral fragments, including Orbicella annularis (Ellis & Solander), Siderastrea siderea (Ellis and Solander) and Solebastrea bournoni Milne-Edwards. Southern headland facing Catalina harbour.

LP 22. Trachyte. Greyish-white, finegrained rock. Irregular shaped crystals of quartz, highly fractured and filled with iron oxydes. Twinned labradorite, of rounded shape. Green augite and blue-purple hypersthene, both of which frequently enclose the labradorite. Corroded brown hornblende. Ground mass of orthoclase and oligoclase, with some quartz. Half-way up W slope of hill lying 500 yd SE of Sta. Isabel

The rocks belong essentially to the saturated group of igneous rocks. They stand on submarine ridges less than 500 fthm deep, 10 miles long and 7 across. Arcuate arrangement of S. Andres-Providencia archipiélago, convex toward W; embryo island arc, comparable to advanced Lesser Antilles arc, in which Désirade contains a plutonic grano-dioritic basement, similar to diorite of Providencia, the volcanics of which island have a close resemblance to those of Dominica which are somewhat more basic than those of the Leeward Caribees, and also have some hornblende and augite rather than hypersthene. Olivine less plentiful in Providencia than in Dominica. - Topogr. & geol. aspects of Providencia similar to Lesser Antilles, as Dominica.

Martinique, Sta. Lucia & St. Vincent. - Mitchell erroneously supposes lack of tuff on Providencia and edges Vol. activity: 3% with NW of High Peak said to occur small cauldrons with hot water stream, & sulphurous vapors.

Split Hill: a large peak containing rock fragments, patterned. The Hill rock is (1) massive, the others are angular, angular fragments being scattered throughout the rock. Many pieces are formed by about 100

Volcanoes of Providence intruded in many places by capes, along S. coast, central, N.W. side, none more than 3 fthm. No great length. All others, however, type volcano. Weathered contact, incrusting, fragments, especially where main bands & granite stocks are exposed. There are numerous (several) small craters and caves.

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Ecuador

W-Cord.

Sh. Lstn volcanics also at Zamboque, N of Catacanga (Wng. -5 fm)

Between  
Ribambas & Guayabales  
W-Cord.  
S. Juan Form (tuffs, silt, ls) = Maestr = Yunguilla Form (N of Ambato) = Guayaquil Form  
Cayo Rumi egl.  
Sst

Yunguilla (Los Colores, N of Ambato) becomes red beds w. Cgl & Cayo Rumi w. Q

Callo Form. = Up. Cenozo. - L. Sierran. (tuffs, sst, sh, & basic erupt.)  
Pacific Coast & W-Cord.

20km S. of Ribamba: m. to U. Cret. (oolitic), altered sedim., algalic rocks  
at Punin  
Sst, cut.

2. Eocene (acc. Tschiff.) of the Cord. Oceid. = cf. Pinon volcanics of Pacific Coast.  
Late Eoc.-Early Cret. Hiluncay-Portovelo-Taigue-roche Sst condenser Andes. Zaruma District.

Paleogene rocks between Sangay & Resenbal (2000m).

Coast

U-H.O. ls, tuffaceous, marlites.

Lt. ls: deltaic & freshwater deposits, in th. egl, silty sst, & colored clay st. (except for N)

U. Eoc. Sh. locally, sst & red beds.

M. Eocen: ls, gr. ls, clay, pbt. beds

Tert.

Paleocene: Estancia Sst, S. Pin' Est, S. Pin' Sh, Atlanta Form.

Guayaquil ch.

Callo Form. U. Cret., 50km S of Manta (Pto. Cayo), Colon Colonels. Cenozoan - Sierran.

the seq. of sst, pbt, sh = Paleocene  
Guayaquil Ch

the ls green platy sh, pbt, red.

= Callo Zatunia

Paracale granodiorite, 23km N of Guayaquil, pre-Upper Tertiary  
Pinon Volcanics: dolomite, diabase, basalt, andesite, dacite, pillow lavas, ± pyroclastic, diabase sst & sh, Sst  
- Rio Pinon, Manabi. - Montecristi, Cabo Paracale, Guayaquil, Esmeraldas, Pto. Piedras, Manabi

with brecc. - dm.

Paleoz. Pto. Piedras, 127km S Guayaquil & Cerros Massvale 20km E of Pto. Piedras, phyllite,  
Schist & slate (sh & sst) n. litol. Metab. f.

Llanos Orientales

Logs. Shell

Chefurrag N° 1. - 0-66' = Chaffurrag + S. Martin + Cuarter.  
 66-1080' = Serrania + ? Caja  
 1080-1732 = Diablo + ? S. Fern. Limbo + U. crdt.  
 1732-... Cuarcita + Vampi's Sst.

" N° 2 0-131 = S. Martin

131-1236 = Caja  
 1236-2174 = Diablo + ? S. Fern. - Limbo  
 2174-... Cuarcita + Vampi's Sst.

" N° 3. 0-112 S. Martin

112-220 Serrania  
 220-1424 Caja  
 1424-2519 Diablo + ? S. Fern. - Limbo  
 Basanento (sin especificar)

" N° 4

0-82 Serrania  
 82-1342 Caja  
 1342-2303 Diablo + ? S. Fern. - Limbo

Horizontita (Basanento Guayanense) ←

" N° 5

0-426 Serrania  
 426-1422 Caja (facies marina)  
 1422-2148 Diablo + ? S. Fern. - Limbo  
 arenisca cuarcitica = Vampi's Sst.

Chichimenga "E."

San Martin.

0-660' ± Form. Chaffurrag { Are. y coac. 15m  
 sh. + sst 46m  
 sh. 750' +  
 660-830 Transicion { lutea, are. aren.  
 830-2120 Caja Superior sst, sh, lut., Grava en topografia irregular,  
 2120-2510 Caja Medio sst, sh laminas.  
 2510-2672... Caja 2uf. (bareja) Breilla roja, carna lital, amarilla, gr.

San Martin N° 1 0-15' Cuatern. Fluvial t.s.  
 15-760' Caja-Mio-Pl. v. part; rec. sh, blish, fumers sst } se vigne  
 L. part sh. 43st. } no separado  
 760-950' S. Sh. - Sh. - Sst = Diablos - Olig. } diferencias  
 formaciones

680-590m = M. - U. Olig. u  
 1240-1060m = prob. L. Olig.

1610 ~~Mio.~~ U. Eoc.  
 1750 ~~Paleo.~~ - L. Eoc.?

2030=Haestr. Sup.

N° 2. 0-25' Cuatern. Grava

25-195' S. Martin (?) Pl. sup. Sh. & Sst, cross at base  
 195-930m Caja: thk sst upper part = s. sh; l. part: sh. 2.5h, little sst. - Mio. Pl. sup.  
 930-1610+ Diable (?) Pl. sup. thin inter sst, gr. aren. sh. c-sh  
 1610-2250 1610-2250 S. Fernando (Olig. sup.) d. Sh., middle part: fgr. sst & sh, at base cyl. sst v. short above  
 + thlubo (Eoc.)  
 1930-2700. m 2 cret. sup. v. part (90') sh. & sh; below 40' sh. & sh; below 70' fum sst, - sh

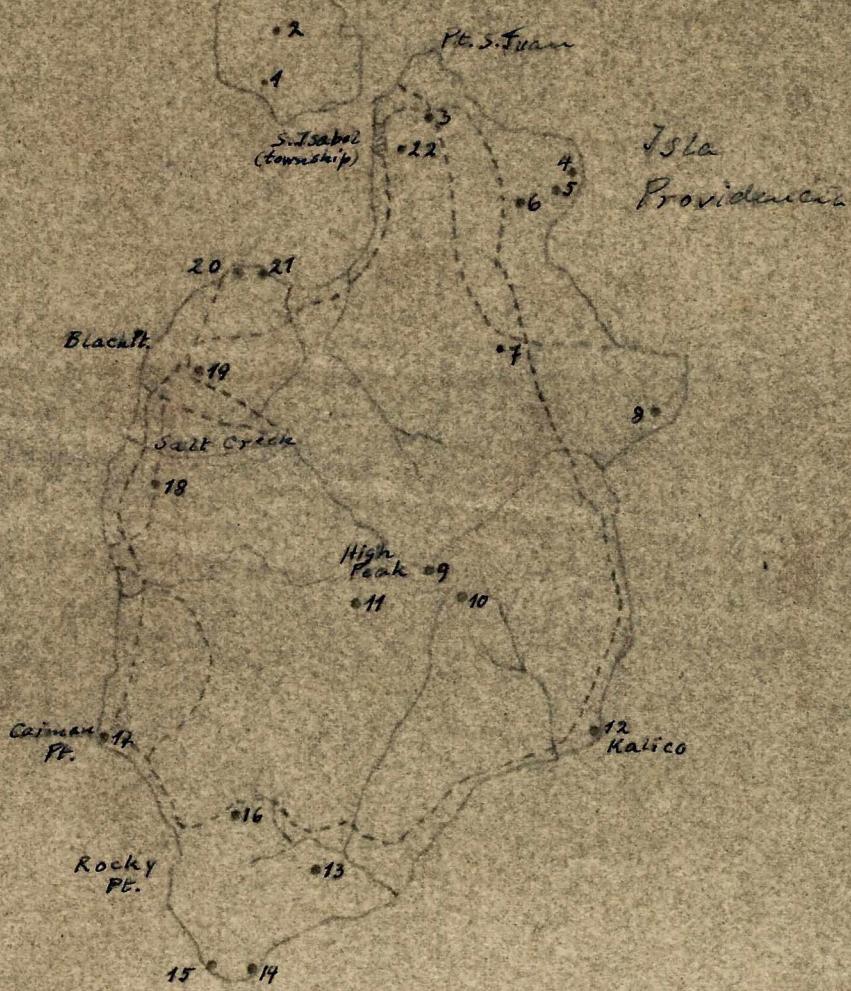
Magdalena  
Richmond

Taracué V-2 0-780m Richm.  
v Esmeraldas (Oligo-Eoc) Sh, sh. Sst  
780-1200 Lisama Richm. Sh, t. mtl. Cl  
Giran ign. or clast. volcanics, very hard.

V3 0-740 Esmeraldas Sh. s. Sh. La Par Sst in base, part  
740-1200 Lisama (L-Eoc) Cl.  
Giran h.s. ign. or volcanics.

Location of Mitchell's samples

Isla Sta. Catherine



Sketch of Providence  
(part of the San Pedro  
of Providence)  
near Hitterelli