

The Stratigraphic Nomenclature of Atlantic Canada

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Volume 6 of the Lexicon of Canadian Stratigraphy, for the Atlantic Region, will be published in spring 1986. A database containing the names of all stratigraphic units in the region has also been prepared, and can be made available to any interested person. Unlike the Lexicon itself, which being a book cannot stay up-to-date, the database will be maintained as a current reference.

The comprehensiveness of the lexicon is due to the time and services of many volunteers. There are detailed write-ups of all the formal entries. The database should similarly be maintained through the interest of research workers. At present, it includes

names, rank and status, locality, ages and a minimum of citation information. A particular attempt has been made to address the relationships of old and current names, and rank memberships and groupings. This information has been proofread against the lexicon. In future, it will be corrected and updated with the help of contributors around the Atlantic Region.

The Lexicon and database will be explained and demonstrated. Any interested persons are invited to suggest appropriate changes or improvements. Copies of the database will be made as printouts or on floppy discs for research workers.