

WESTERN EXPLORATION CO., LTD.

(NON-PERSONAL LIABILITY)

SILVERTON, B.C.

January 9, 1957.

Mr. Charles C. Starr,
1110 West Moreland St.,
Phoenix Arizona.

I have yours of December 31st., with enclosure being copy of your letter to Mr. Chilcott.

Enclosed you will find check in the amount of \$60.00 as per my previous letter. Paul Klinestiver's address is;
26562- 14th St., Highland California.

John Black of the Violamac advised me a few days ago that most of the places where they are working in the mine are pretty much zinc, and with a net of 5¢ per lb. for zinc he figures they are loosing money on their zinc. He does not think that they will ship very steady or very much to us after this month. I was hoping that they would continue as they are until at least the first of April, for that would have given a few months to put the mine in shape for mining, and allow us to hold our Mill crew.

The C.P.R. strike is tying things up tight all along the C.P.R. lines. Practically all of the coal miners in Southeastern B.C. and adjoining Alberta are idle. The C.M.&S. figure on closing the Smelter at Trail to-morrow. Here we have not made any shipments this year and the Violamac concentrates are piling up. We are shovelling back in the bins now and can possibly run the mill another week before we are plugged up. At the moment it looks like a rather long strike, and when it is over everyone will be scrambling for cars and they will be short. This is making it bad in the mine for until our concentrate bins are clear we cannot make a run on development ore, and we are depending on these runs for some income, and too at the present time we do not have but very little storage space underground.

Elsie and I spent Xmas with Mary Joy and the family in Portland and had a nice quiet time. The weather was good that is not much rain, but it was very foggy. Xmas eve it was real bad.

I have given your regards to all the gang. Dick seems to be keeping well. Elsie and I send our best to Rose and yourself.

Sincerely,
A.P. Ham.
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*P.S. You should
set enough exchange
on this to buy a
middy. A.P.*