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413 Granville Street

November 29, 1956

Mr. A. M. Ham  
Western Exploration Co., Ltd  
Silverton, B.C.

Dear Art:

Your letter of the 24th. received with many thanks for the promptness of the enclosed check.

Mr. Stevens of the Western Miner 'phoned saying that he would like to give the Progress Report of the Western Ex. to the Northern Miner and the Province newspaper if they wanted it, and I told him O. K.

I saw Mr. A. E. Chilcott yesterday and gave him the copy of the Progress Report on the Western Ex. and he said that Mr. Hill had promised to give him his report a week ago, but that Hill had been delayed by trouble at two of his mines and at present is fog bound somewhere on the coast, but that he would send you a copy of the report as soon as he got it. He also said he would send me one so I will not need a copy from you.

*J thought*  
In regard to the lack of quotations on the Western Ex. he said that there had been no bids for sometime, and that in general there were extremely few bids on any stocks, and that quite a few stocks were cheaper than usual. He thought that this was, at least, in part due to higher exchange with the United States, and tightness of money in general, but he did not seem to be particularly pessimistic as to the future. He asked if it would not be possible to increase the scale of work at your mines and get into full production soon, and he hinted at a possibility of raising some money for you. I told him that one thing that held matters back was the fact that you wanted to keep the Violamec milling and that you had comparatively small ore storage at the mine.

I suppose it will be the early or middle part of next week before we leave. We have disposed of our furniture, but have a few things yet to do. Address mail for me to Box 514 until the middle of next week.

Regards to Elsie and yourself from us.

Sincerely

*add*

WESTERN EXPLORATION CO., LTD.

[NON-PERSONAL LIABILITY]

SILVERTON, B.C.

Enrollment 2456

Mr. Chas C. Star,  
P.O. Box 514  
Van B.C.

Dear Charlie,

Have yours of the 29<sup>th</sup>  
with enclosed account and copy  
of letter to Stuart Healey.

Enclosed please find check  
to cover your account. I took  
the subject of the "Paused Bits"  
up with Dick and he does not  
want them.

If you have time I would  
suggest you drop in and see  
Mr. G. E. Chilcott and give him  
a copy of your writing for  
the Western Miner. Maybe you  
can pep him up a bit and find  
out why W. E. has not been  
quoted. Best regards to Rose  
and yourself from Chie and all  
of us. Sincerely,  
Art.