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Dear Sirs:

Can you help me regarding historical research that I am performing? I am searching for any information pertaining to the *FIVE METALS MINE* that was in operation near Neslon, B.C. during 1904 - '05.

I have searched through the *Annual Report of the Minister of Mines* for 1903 thru 1905 without finding mention of subject mine.

My most significant data find, so far, is from the newspaper, *Nelson Miner*, issued Jan. 28, 1905. According to an article in that paper, the Five Metals Mining Company was preparing to install a furnace of 50 ton daily capacity. The location of the mine was said to be at the head of Houghton creek, on the north side of Sphinx mountain, six miles from Crawford Bay on Kootenay Lake.

It was also stated that 100,000 shares of the company were going to be placed on the market for the purpose of purchasing the furnace.

As a matter of historical research, I am interested in any bits of knowledge about the Five Metals Mine Company, its stockholders, its success or failure, its equipment or location and etc.

Enclosed is a copy of the above mentioned news article.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you have no information, perhaps you could direct me to a source.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Elford H. Messer

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From: *The Nelson Miner*, January 28, 1905, page 4.
(A weekly newspaper published at Nelson, B.C.)

WILL BUILD A FURNACE

FIVE METALS COMPANY WILL PUT IN 50 TON PLANT

MANAGER REDDING EXPECTS TO STRIKE LEDGE SHORTLY

At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Five Metals Mining company in this city the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John P. Redding, president and manager; directors, Dr. D. R. Brockman, Rockford, Wash; Judge Campbell La Force, Tekoa, Wash; and J. P. Redding of this city.

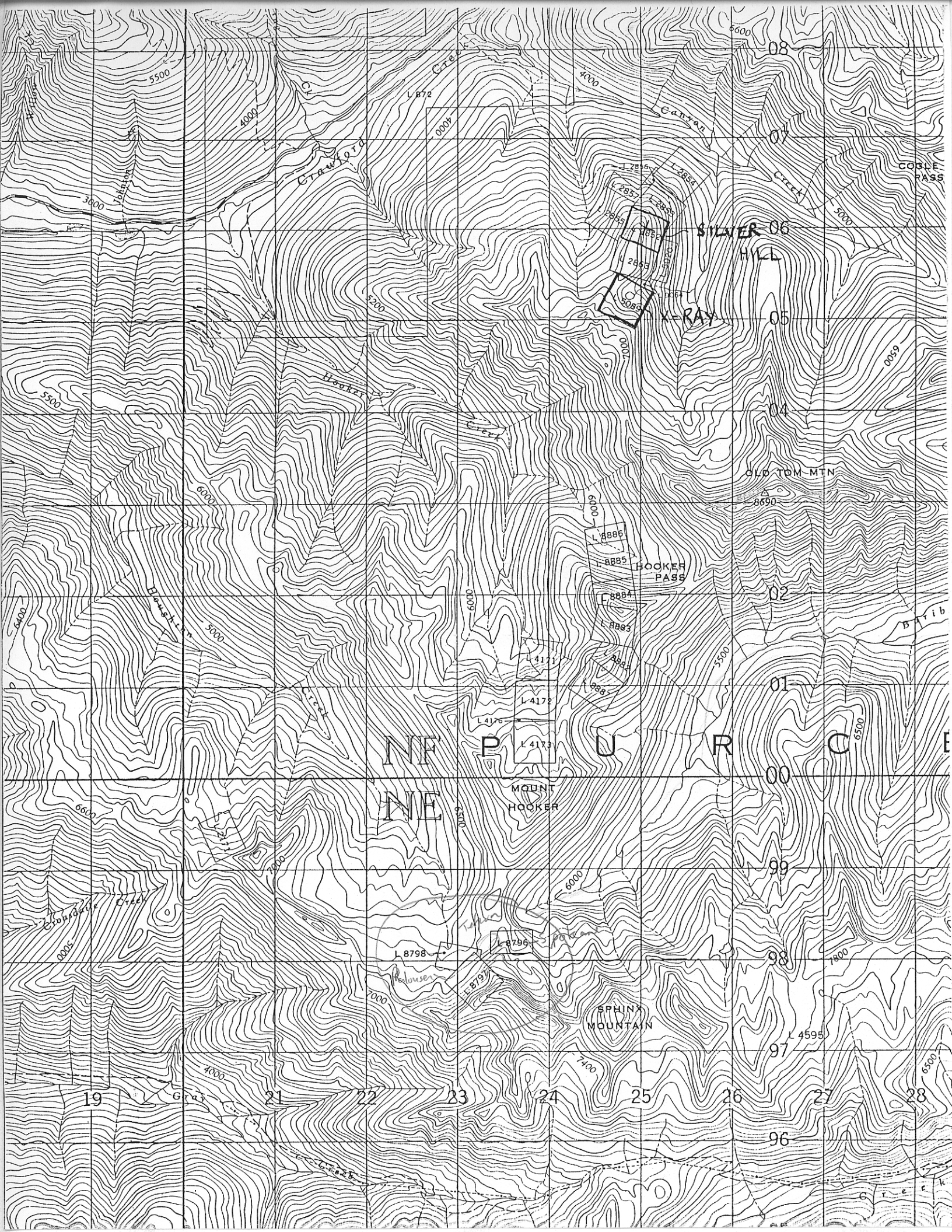
A vote was taken on the question of purchasing a furnace and it was decided to place 100,000 shares of the company on the market for the purpose of at once purchasing and erecting at the mine, a furnace having a daily capacity of 50 tons. The new plant will be in sections and will be packed into the mine without any difficulty.

The company own and are operating nine claims known as the Gordon Lead, Iron, Silver, Iron Hand, Iron Mask, Iron Age, Iron Boy, Redding and Speculate Hematite, all situated at the head of Houghton creek, on the north side of Sphinx mountain, six miles from Crawford bay. The values are in silver, lead and copper and the claims contain iron ore in plenty and a lime dyke making a perfect flux for economical treatment right at the mine.

Over \$10,000 has already been expended on the property and at present the men at work are engaged in running a deep level to tap the main ledge, which the manager says is 100 feet in width.

Mr. Redding leaves for the mine this morning and he stated last evening that every effort would be made to push development as fast as possible. He expects that once the main ledge is struck that a great deal will be heard of the property. "Just at present," he said, "we are mining and not saying very much about it in

the newspapers, but during this year we
expect to have some very good news to
give you."



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Unregistered Crown land

Lot 8796
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8798

Spokane
Palouse
Tekoa

(Kootenay
Lower District)

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