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720 Pacific Building.

May 17, 1946.

Mr. R. Crowe-Swords, President,
Santiago Mines Ltd.
423 Hamilton St.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

On the 13th and 14th of this month I visited the Hartney and Bosun Mines at Silverton and found the work progressing satisfactorily.

Necessary small repairs have been made to the Hartney road to within about three quarters of a mile from the mine which part is still impassible on account of hard packed snow.

At No. 3 tunnel, the lowest one which has been extended to the oreshoots, ice has been removed and timber for a dozen or more sets cut and partly framed. Some cedar lagging has been cut along the upper part of the road. This tunnel is open for 45 feet from the portal and the timber is in generally fair condition, although the lagging is rotten and will have to be replaced. Directly over the cave in the tunnel there is a ten or fifteen foot face of soil beyond which there is no surface evidence of caving, suggesting that the cave in the tunnel may be short, or at least that there should be few sets of heavy ground.

Ted told me that he had been down a rope into some of the upper levels of the mine but that he had seen little ore and the ground was so loose that he did not want to go back, so I did not try it. He sent a sample by me composed of pieces of galena picked off the No. 3 dump.

At the Bosun mine considerable cleaning up has been done, and a very good ore-pocket has been built at the head of the winze from the 6th level. A short distance beyond the winze a raise to Level 5 is being retimbered and is about three quarters finished. Some narrow zinc ore in pillars has been found.

Not very much work has been done on Level 7 but a start has been made at cleaning up. As you know, good appearing ore shows in the pillars along the winze, a narrow spur-vein of high grade galena in the east drift, and a short showing of zinc of good width in the west drift not far from the face.

Any mining will be considerably handicapped by the age and small capacity of the present compressor until a larger one can be obtained. All work is being well

done and is progressing satisfactorily.

Yours truly,

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