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NOTES ON THE
WICKENDEN PROPERTY
GAINER CREEK
FERGUSON, B. C.
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LOCATION: In Trout Lake Mining Division, fifteen miles easterly from Ferguson on the east side of Gainer Creek and directly above the White Quail Group.

PROPERTY: There are an unknown number of claims of unknown name, owned by a man named Wickenden, of Vancouver.

WOOD, WATER & POWER: The lower end of the property has considerable good timber, but the upper end is bare. Water is not plentiful but there is a little, poorly situated for use. Power would have to be developed at some distance.

TOPOGRAPHY: In general the property is rather rough but the workings are easily accessible. The elevation varies from 5000 to 7000 feet.

TRANSPORTATION: Six or seven miles of fair trail connects with the auto road at Tenmile which is 22 miles by road from Beaton at the head of Arrow Lake.

EQUIPMENT: None.

DEVELOPMENT: The work seen was a few open cuts, and two crosscut tunnels. The lower tunnel is about 450 feet long and is driven southward. The upper tunnel is perhaps two hundred feet higher and 1200 feet eastward at an elevation of 6000 feet; it is over 100 feet long and there are two very short drifts. (The end of the tunnel was not reached on account of dammed up water).

GEOLOGY: The limestone and schist belt of the White Quail property passes through the Wickenden ground, but it is probable that it passes too far south, through a very precipitous region, to be cut by the tunnels. The strike of the strata is N 55° W and the dip 85° south.

MINERALIZATION: The lower tunnel shows practically no mineralization, and has been driven mostly through schists. The upper tunnel and some of the nearby open cuts show quartz with a very little galena

along a stratum of limestone that passes through the tunnel near its portal. There is frequently a little quartz along this zone.

There is also some mineralization evident in the cliffs to the south of the workings which were not visited, but it is not thought that it is of any great importance.

CONCLUSION; The workings do not show anything of interest.

It seems probable that the ore-bearing zone of the White Quail property passes south of, and above, the workings and has not been touched; it is very doubtful if it is of any importance.

The property, so far as seen, has very little to recommend it.

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