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MINISTER OF MINES

The Hon:
Minister of Mines,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On reading your Annual Report for 1948 - p. 162 - it occurred to me that the enclosed might possibly be of interest to your Department.

The original Report, undamaged, is very legibly written in ink on both sides of a piece of lined foolscap - $8\frac{1}{8} \times 12\frac{7}{8}$. Length of lines, use of capitals, punctuation, alterations etc are copied as in the original. The late Jeremiah Nagle was my wife's great-grandfather.

Yours truly,

G. C. Cheeke

*Copy of this letter and material sent in by Mr. Cheeke, sent to Mr. Ireland.

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At the request of the Directors of the Company I visited the Sooke Copper Mine and measured the North Drift which is 66 feet in length by 7 feet high and $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width. This Drift carries "Copper Ore with a little Native Copper"

The South Drift is 90 feet in length and the same height and width as the North Drift in this drift I found nothing but "Native Copper" very rich in places. The length of the Shaft from the Braces is 140 feet the Audit Drift below the Shaft including the open cut is 50 feet. It will be necessary before the Winter sets in to make a small drift about 40 feet long to carry the water off from the shaft otherwise it may be filled by the Winter rains it may be done for about \$50.00

The floor of the shaft is supported by large Posts 12 inches square, the cribbing is composed of solid logs 10 inches thick and 12 feet long

The floor of the shaft house is $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet square the height of the house 24 feet this building is very strong and substantial and will last for many years. From the shaft to the whim is about 125 feet the base of which is 84 feet by 50 feet the beam of the whim is 30 feet long, the drum is $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter by 6 feet in height with a roof ready for shingling - the uprights are 15 inches square the span beam is the same size and 30 ft long and in excellent working order.

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The Work done in and on the mines is very considerable

The foot Drift is 190 feet in length the entrance to which had to be very heavily timbered in consequence of the great height it was from its base, it is now quite secure

The Drift above the Shaft (called the sand Drift) is 190 feet long with a crop cut of 39 feet this drift is finished in a most substantial and workmanlike manner and reflects great credit on Mr. Branche's judgment. There are five houses on the premises including sleeping and dining rooms, office, Blacksmith's Shop and stable. A good deal of the land has been cleared of the heavy timber. The labour of cutting down the trees and squaring them for use and hauling them away has been very great

In conclusion I beg to state that I consider this mine will turn out to be very productive but the shaft has to be driven down much lower than it is at present

Signed. J. Nagle

Sooke Copper Mine
July 22nd 1864

The above is a true and exact Copy of the original in the possession of

G.C. Cheeke
Shawnigan Lake, B.C.
2 Nov. 1949

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C O P Y

Government House
Victoria, Vancouver's Island
13 June 1859

Sir

With reference to my letter of this day's date acquainting you with the additional duties you will have to perform upon the departure from Victoria of Mr. Hamley the Collector of Customs for British Columbia, I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to communicate to you that in consideration of such additional duties he is pleased to increase your Salary by an addition at the rate of One Hundred Pounds £100 per annum.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

William A.G. Young

Jeremiah Nagle, Esq.
Victoria

From the original in the possession of

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Shawnigan Lake, B.C.
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C O P Y

November 22, 1949

G. C. Cheeke, Esq.,
Shawnigan Lake, B.C.

Dear Mr. Cheeke:

It was very kind of you to forward a copy of the report on the Sooke Copper Mine made by Mr. J. Nagle in July, 1864, and I regret my delay in answering, owing to my absence from the office.

This report is of real interest to my Department and we are very much pleased to have it.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Hon. R. C. MacDonald
Minister

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Mr. W.E. Ireland,

Provincial Librarian and Archivist,

Buildings.

December 5,

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Attached please find a copy of a letter dated November 2nd from G.C. Cheeke of Shawnigan Lake Post Office to The Honourable Minister of Mines, and copies of material that accompanied Mr. Cheeke's letter. The two items that accompanied his letter were, - a copy of a report signed by J. Nagle, dated July 22, 1864, regarding what has been referred to as "the old copper mine" at Sooke. I believe that the working mentioned is the one indicated near the southern part of the Sooke Peninsula in the map that appears on page 162 of our 1948 Annual Report. The other item was a copy of a letter dated June, 1859, regarding Mr. Nagle's remuneration.

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Attach.

H. Sargent,
Chief Mining Engineer.



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MEMORANDUM TO:

H. Sargent,
Chief Mining Engineer.

Thank you very much for the copy of the material forwarded by Mr. Cheeke to the Hon. Minister of Mines, which is very interesting. As a matter of fact I am writing to Mr. Cheeke to see if he would be willing to loan the material to us in order that we might have it photostated.

Thanking you for bringing this to my attention.

Willard Ireland
Provincial Librarian and Archivist.

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