

"MOUNT SKIRT" GROUP

This group consists of four mineral claims and four fractions—a total of 232 acres, situated on the Western slope of Mount Skirt, in Victoria Mining Division, within easy distance of shipping facilities.

The property was visited by the Government Engineer in 1924, but as the shafts and winzes were full of water, a general examination could not be made, but the following is an extract from his report:

"The old development work consisted of a shaft on the Ralph claim said to be 90 feet deep, but full of water below the main adit level, about 30 feet below the out-crop, from which some high-grade chalcopryite ore was shipped in 1899.

"On this adit level there is an open cut 37 feet long as an approach to a crosscut 40 feet long, when the ore body was exposed and drifts driven 56 feet to the right and 288 feet to the left. The latter, while being mostly drifting, includes some cross-cutting where the lenticular structure of the ore body is determined, as well as the fact that there are at least two lenses and probably three lying en echelon to each other. An old stope that was opened from the adit-level is 58 feet long and open to the surface, and continued down an undetermined depth below the adit-level; this was full of water and so could not be examined."

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Samples taken by the Government Engineer assayed as follows:

"No. 1 from the dump of sorted ore at the portal of adit: Gold, trace; silver, 9.5 ozs.; copper, 22%.

"No. 2 from same dump, but not sorted: Gold, trace; silver, 4 ozs.; copper, 2%."

Mr. C. M. Bryant, an Associate of the Royal School of Mines, made a later report on the property after the workings had been partially cleared. Extracts from his report are as follows:

"About 1500 feet of underground work was done on the Ralph mineral claim and a shaft 160 feet in depth was also sunk and this work opened up a ledge averaging 7 feet in width with a pay-streak 6 inches to 4 feet in width of chalcopryite.

"The owners took out about 200 tons of high-grade ore averaging 15% copper, with gold and silver values.

"In 1900, shipments were made to the Tacoma Smelter, which gave a net average value of \$18.75 per ton.

"A considerable tonnage of lower grade ore was taken out, but not shipped.

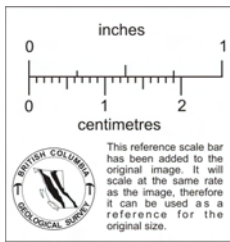
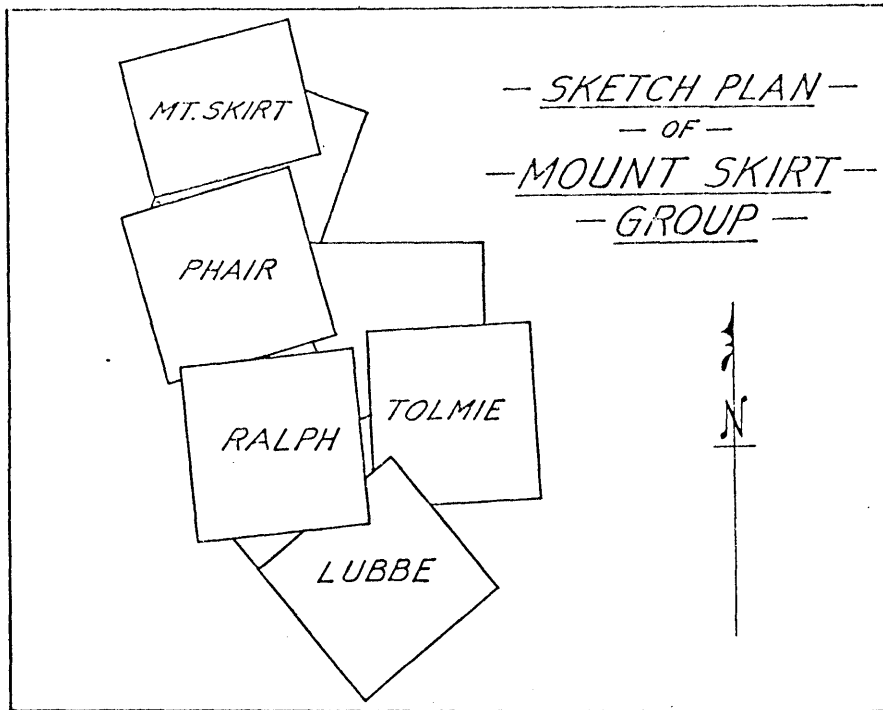
"I was able to take two samples from the floor of the main tunnel, showing that the ore still continues down under the present workings; these samples assayed as follows:

"No. 1: Copper, 6%; Gold, 0.02 ozs.; Silver, 3.00 ozs.

"No. 2: Copper, 14%; Gold, .04 ozs.; Silver, 7.6 ozs.

"Taking these facts and figures into consideration, it is only reasonable to suppose that the ore continues down below the present workings."

This property has never been worked since flotation concentration has become an economical metallurgical practice, and there is every reason to believe that a body of ore will be proved of high enough grade and in sufficient quantity to make a paying mine.



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