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MEMORANDUM

TO J.M. Cummings, Esq.,  
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FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES.  
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Mr. Eardley-Wilmot of the Ottawa Department of Mines called at my office recently and informed me that Mr. W.S. Chow, Box 181, Duncan, who apparently is the Manager of the West Coast Silica Products Company, Gabriola Island, is operating a small plant on what is called the Dutchman's Swamp, 1 1/2 miles from the north end of Gabriola Island.

Apparently Mr. Chow has a small mill from 1 1/2 to 2 tons capacity of calcined material, but at the present time he has no market. This diatomite is not, apparently, a very high-grade deposit, which runs from 5 to 5 feet deep in an elliptical-shaped basin.

I am putting this information before you and when time permits perhaps you will want to go into the matter further.

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Chief Mining Engineer.

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Gabriola Island Diatomite

