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Dear Dr. Eastwood:

I thank you for your letter of Mar. 11th in reply to my inquiry for records of an old Timothy claim on Read Is. The Timothy was evidently not connected with the sparse copper on west side of Read Is., on which, some years ago, I corresponded with the claims owner and had a personal talk with a geologist who had examined this copper showing; the Solyman, Freja, etc.

In confidence, the G. E. P. positively identified the mercury sulphide metacinnabarite from the Timothy claim. Being black, it normally would be easily by passed.

Other than any possible economic value, it, and other quite possible unknown raw mineral sources, might have some connection with dogfish from Strait of Georgia waters having up to 70 p.p.m. of mercury and which certain interests have probably thought of as being from a wholly industrial source(s).

The ~~best~~ technical viewpoint now seems to be that mercury sulphides are amenable, as are other sulphides, to bacterial action and subsequent soluble forms.

For the present the locating of the mercury showing is not important to me as have other prior irons in the fire.

Thank you for your interest and help on it.

Yours very truly
Gordon Millbourne