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August 14th, 1941.

Dr. M.S. Hedley,
Mining Engineer,
SHALALTH, B.C.

Dear Dr. Hedley:

The Department received two samples of what appears to be high-grade magnesite, one from J.A. Mitchell, Mines Inspector, Lillooet, and the other from Thomas Schwartz of Bralorne, B.C., both samples apparently from the same deposit.

Mr. Mitchell advises that these samples were taken from alongside the old road to the Manitou Mine a few hundred yards from the present road and approximately from the Bridge River road at Minto. It is understood that there are large bluffs of this white material at this locality. Some have also been seen near Liza Lake and at the head of Marshall Creek a few miles south-east of the above.

Will you please make an examination of this and if the deposit appears to be large and in your opinion worth a special trip by Mr. Cummings, please advise this office.

At the moment, the assay office is being repaired and it is exceedingly difficult for the staff to do more than preliminary work, so that it is unlikely that you will receive further results on your samples until about the end of this month.

Mr. Cummings is still absent from the office, but your letter of the 12th addressed to him will probably be answered on his return, about the 20th.

I notice that you are unable to find any magnesite in the suggested locality about 10 miles up

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Dr. M.S. Hedley

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the Bonaparte River, but that you had seen the magnesite referred to by Dr. Walker.

Yours very truly,

Chief Mining Engineer.

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Aug. 12th., 1941

P.B. Freeland, Esq.,
Chief Mining Engineer,
Department of Mines,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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Office of Chief Mining Engineer
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Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of August 8th. re further data on mineral specimen which I sent in for magnesite determination.

This specimen was taken alongside the old road to the Manitou Mine a few hundred yards from the present road and approximately 10 miles from the Bridge River road at Minto. I understand that there are large bluffs of this material at this locality. I have also seen specimens of material from near Liza Lake and the head of Marshall creek, a few miles southeast of the above which was definitely crystalline magnesite. Wm. Dunn, a surveyor at Bralorne, showed me the latter and said that there were large bluffs of magnesite in that locality. I understand that a Lillooet prospector by the name of Schwartz has claims on magnesite deposits somewhere in the vicinity.

There is no work done on the ground from which the specimen was sent and the ground is still open as far as I know but it may be held under old stakings, made when the entire country was staked during the boom days.

The transportation problem is simple, and power could be made available for treatment at Shalalth. I imagine however, that there are adequate supplies of this mineral, near Kimberley and elsewhere to take care of the Empire requirements for some time to come. If the Bridge River Power project ever goes ahead though this and the refractory ores in the area might provide a demand for part of the output.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Mitchell

Inspector of Mines.

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