

Dismantling of Anyox Ending Story of Colorful Mine Town

The colorful story of Anyox—producer of millions of dollars in copper, gold and silver in its life span of some 21 years—is now in its last chapter. The flourishing community which once had a working population of 2700 people has since deteriorated into a ghost town and is now being dismantled.

At the present time, two companies are busy with the work. The A. R. Williams Co., of Vancouver, is taking out the heavy machinery and the Atlas Iron and Metals Ltd. is taking out the scrap and dismantling the houses in the townsite which number more than 200.

It is a big job and more than 50,000 tons of scrap metal will be carried out. Union Steamship Co. boats are hauling out a car load of scrap each week at present.

BACK TO NINETIES

Thus nears the end of the story of great producer, from which more than 25 million tons of ore were extracted and treated in the company's concentrator which crushed 5000 tons of ore daily.

The story goes back to the late nineties when three prospectors from Fort Simpson, W. Collison, A. Flewin and D. Robinson staked claims following the discovery of colors in Bonanza Creek. Later word got out to other white men through the Indians and further staking was carried on, but some miles from Bonanza Creek.

M. K. Rogers, a well known mining engineer in the early days, was quick to see the possibilities of the area and took an option on some ground. Representing the Daly Estate, he optioned the property for \$6000 and paid \$300 to bind the agreement. However, the option was later dropped when the Daly Estate backed out and the property was dropped. Several other options were taken and various properties consolidated until the late James T. Hillis got hold of it for \$35,000 and spent an additional \$50,000 on the property.

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However, the panic of 1907 proved too great for Hillis and he sold out at the best price he could. Rogers, whose faith was unshaken, again stepped into the picture, and this time got an option for \$135,000. Then came Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., which took an 80 per cent interest for \$600,000, and spent \$3,000,000 before the first pound of copper was produced.

During its life average expenses in connection with the mine were about \$3,000,000 annually, and the total investment at Anyox was estimated at \$13,000,000. Total disbursements to shareholders were well in excess of \$13,000,000.

The Granby Company reopened its Allenby property some time ago, and it is now shipping all its concentrates to Japan.

With the company for several years was Charles Bocking, who

held the position of president. Mr. Bocking was a visitor to Vancouver last week, and has gone to Los Angeles, where he will remain until spring.