

Otter Creek

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Atlin M.D.

JULY 10/73

TOM & SHIRLEY - HI!

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR THE CHEQUE.

WITH THIS I AM RETURNING MR. WHITE'S 100-SCALE, WHICH WAS PROBABLY THE BEST RECORD I HAD OF THE EARLY-DAY ACTION ON OTTER CREEK. SO MUCH OF THE "DATA" IN THE OLD M. MINNES REPORTS IS AS HARD TO PIN DOWN AS A CLAIM POST!

THE PHOTOCOPY IS ENCLOSED AS REQUESTED, BUT NOTE THAT DUE TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE XEROX MACHINE A BIT OF LOWER OTTER CREEK WAS LEFT OFF.

HOPE YOU ARE HAVING LOTS OF SUCCESS IN LOCATING THE CLAIM POSTS THAT I COULDN'T TAKE TIME TO SEARCH OUT, AND ARE GETTING CHECKS ON CLAIM-LENGTHS & COVERAGE.

BY THE WAY, ACCORDING TO MY GEOLOGICAL GUESS-TIMATES I WOULD SAY THAT ANOTHER (NEW) CLAIM SHOULD BE PLUNKED IN TO ADJOIN THE 'ROSE' (K.M.L 1702) ON ITS EAST SIDE.

BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS, FIRST WORD FROM A RE. A PROGRAM MIGHT REACH US!

'Ruddy & Co.'

TELL DDH, THAT AFTER SIFTING OUT ALL THE CLUES, THAT I THINK WRIGHT CR. OLD DRILL-LINE No. 2 (COULD BE ACROSS A FLAT, & ALONG OR CLOSE TO A LEVEL STRETCH OF OLD ROAD), AT APPROX.  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE DOWN-STREAM OF THE LOWER (FIRST) BRIDGE - SEEING AS ALL HOLES REPORTEDLY GOT BEAROCK AT UNDER A 20' DEPTH, WHICH WOULDN'T SEEM LIKELY IN THE PLACE THAT WE WERE LOOKING (1800' BELOW UPPER BRIDGE).

BEST REGARDS,

Bill.


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Ottawa, B.C.  
June 15/73.

Dear Bill,

A quick note to catch today's mail. Am doing the papers for the P.M. lease, we staked on Otter. I forgot to check your sketch for distance.

1. I need a tie in point for the (B) claim we did when we went 700' from the road at stn 5. Also need distance from Otter Creek for all I.P.s and F.P.'s

2. We went up Wright Creek the day after you left, picked up the little fraction at the top of Raven & extended the L. line due E <sup>(almost)</sup> so it swings over the Raven.  Wright Creek was really high, the water was running over the bridge at Bonanza Cr. so we had to leave the truck there & walk up.

We also got the lease info of Mattson, followed his location line & ran into the lake.

~~Spencer~~ We have been thinking about that old channel that is on that 1936 map. Tom made some inquiries and a shaft sunk there in the '30s

agrees with the report, <sup>-2-</sup> so we are in the presence  
of staking 7 claims along the proposed channel.  
Don't know if Day will be interested or not.  
It sounds good - if that were the old  
channel, and it sounds possible.

Inre Mattson (Allan's brother) gave his address as  
#102-1835 Comox St. on a P.M.L. he staked on  
Vancouver Gold Run last year.

it appears Mattson Bros have optioned Gold Run  
to Thachuk, I think of Vase. as of 5/3/73.

4. I checked the "Drain" P.M.L. and there is nothing  
listed as an option or S/S on it so Allan Mattson  
still holds it.

5. We have several more P.M.L. staked -  
doubt if Day is interested in all of them. With  
the price of gold staying up - we should  
be able to get someone interested in them -  
have so many interesting clues we don't  
know where to dig first.

Haven't heard from D. Davis or Day - We  
have dental appointments in Whistler Tues. am.  
so hope they arrive after that.

Regards,  
Shirley

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DEAR TOM & SHIRLEY:

THANK YOU FOR YOURS OF JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, WHICH WAS QUITE HELPFUL. I HOPE THAT THIS NOTE WILL PROVIDE CLEAR ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS. I HAD HOPED TO HAVE THIS IN THE MAIL A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO; HOWEVER, A RACKED-UP TOOTH AND TIME INVOLVED IN GETTING OUT SOME EXPLANATORY SKETCHES (ON A USEABLE SCALE) MESSED UP MY GOOD INTENTIONS.

BY THE WAY, I HOPE YOU RECEIVED THE PARCEL OF SURVEYING BEAR THAT I MAILED LAST FRIDAY (AIR-MAIL & REGISTERED); I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE ITCHING TO TRY OUT THE NEW CHAIN AND SILVA COMPASS (DECLINATION PRE-SET)!

SOME REPLIES TO YOUR JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> QUESTIONS AND ADVICES:

1. RE. A TIE ON A POINT FOR THE (B) CLAIM (ALSO IN REFERENCE TO OTHER POSSIBLE QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE LOWER OTTER CREEK STAKING):

I THINK THIS IS BEST ANSWERED VIA EITHER OR BOTH OF THE ENCLOSED 1" = 200' OR 1" = 4000' MAPS. ON THESE, THE BEARING AND DISTANCE OF ANY ONE POINT WITH RESPECT TO ANOTHER CAN BE SCALED OFF (YOUR WOODEN SCALE-RULE AND AN ORDINARY PROTRACTOR WILL SUFFICE).

2. RE. THE RELATIVE POSITIONS OF P.M.L. 1700, RAVEN, AND JACKIE ON WRIGHT CREEK:

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PLOT THESE FROM THE EXISTING DATA. HOWEVER, IF MY PLOTTING (1" = 4000' MAP) DOES NOT ADEQUATELY PORTRAY THEIR RELATIVE POSITIONS, WOULD YOU SHOW ANY CORRECTIONS VIA A RETURN SKETCH (TRACING SHEETS ENCLOSED). ALSO, IF SOME OF MY PLOTTED DETAIL (1" = 200' OR 4000') IS DOUBTFUL, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CORRECTIONS OR COMMENTS - IF POSSIBLE, VIA A SKETCH WHICH CAN BE 'OVER-LAYED' ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

3. RE. THE 7 CLAIMS STAKED ON SPRUCE CREEK:

IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT R. DAY WOULD BE INTERESTED, BUT I THINK THAT HE AND D. DAVIS (AND I, TOO) WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SKETCH OF THESE TO ALLOW A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THEIR GOLD POTENTIAL AND MINABILITY. THE SKETCH COULD BE BASED ON THE MAP IN THE 1936 M.M. REPORT. I WOULD GUESS THAT THIS MAP IS THE BEST GENERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE PINE AND SPRUCE CREEK CHANNELS, AND IS BASED ON A PRETTY THOROUGH STUDY OF WORKINGS AND CONTEMPORARY REPORTS.

4. LIKE YOURSELVES, I AM HOPEFUL THAT SURPRISE RESOURCES WILL SECURE AN OPTION ON THE 'DRAIN' LEASE FROM A. MATTSO. IT WOULD PROVIDE A VERY NECESSARY BASE FROM WHICH THE OLD OTTER CREEK CHANNELS (AND BENCHES?) MIGHT BE EXPLORED. YOUR RECENT PERIPHERAL (TO DRAIN) MIGHT EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS;  
STAKING

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IF ONLY BY REASON OF THE FACT THAT THIS COULD DISCOURAGE OTHER BIDDERS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT GOLD MARKET CONDITIONS, I THINK THAT PRESENT STAKING EFFORTS ARE STRICTLY 'ON TRACK'.
6. LIKE YOU, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER ON THE PROPOSED VISIT AND MEETINGS WITH MESSRS. DAY AND DAVIS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT THEY ARE DEFERRING THIS UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW MY REPORT - WHICH I HOPE I WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT NEXT WEEK. DELAYS ARE CERTAINLY NOT DESIRABLE DURING THE WORKING SEASON; NEVERTHE LESS, THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY, AS I SEE IT, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ELIOT (SURPRISE) HAS THE GROUND NECESSARY FOR HIS PROJECTED PROGRAM. IN VIEW OF OUR RECENT FINDINGS, CONTINUOUS FIELD-CHECKS OF THE VARIOUS P.M.L.'S. ARE MANDATORY.
7. RE. SPRUCE CREEK, I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE 'SURVEYED' AND GOVT.-PLOTTED POSITIONS AND EXTENT OF THE CURRENTLY- PERTINENT AND ADJOINING P.M.L'S. VIA THE ENCLOSED (1"=3000') MAP. P.M.L'S 1707-08-09 APPEAR TO BE 'SECURE' AND WELL LOCATED AS REGARDS THE 1936 PLOTTED PROJECTION OF THE OLD CHANNEL.
8. ON WRIGHT CREEK, P.M.L'S TO THE NORTH OF THE LOWER (VIC. OF BONANZA CREEK) BRIDGE STILL REQUIRE A CHAIN-CHECK, AS DO THOSE P.M.L'S SOUTH OF 1703 ON OTTER CREEK. THIS COULD BE DONE BY YOU, OR BY THE SHARP-CONNOLLY-ROXBOROUGH TEAM ON A FUTURE VISIT. TO THIS END, IT WOULD EXPEDITE MATTERS IF THE RELEVANT CLAIM POSTS WERE IDENTIFIED BEFOREHAND.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

Bill

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ENCL. MAPS

CC. MR. R. DAY  
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