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Noble Five - (See also American Boy -)
 Last Chance; Cairns p. 5
 (productive hours 6100-6900 El in W. panel)

Post Product
 6800-7800 El. note

Surprise Group - Ind on Noble Five Group.

Prospect would be to X-C N.W.; from ^{order of American Boy} Last Chance - Surprise ~~main~~ level ^{#10 El.} level at 6100' elevation or @ 750' below the lowest old Surprise level for a completely new slope block.

This would allow a test if the porphyry belt rising down to the S.W. within the lower Surprise and in which best ore was found. Pay belt 750' wide.

Surprise Production:

1893 - upper lens 100 tons @ 223 oz Ag.

→ 1893-1926 50,000 tons @ 47 oz. Ag; 18% Pb (13% Zn)
 see 1928 → from 6800 (No. 3, last chance) El. to 7800' (outer porphyry)

50,000 tons @ 56 oz net = \$2,800,000 gross return

Surprise Ore Shoot @ 350'-400' long (stated Fig 1 Cairns)

work requ'd (a) clean out No. 8. X-C & drift noble 5 to point of X-C take-off & access	\$ 5000 ⁰⁰
(b) Drive 500' X-C	20,000
(c) Lift 3000' N.E.	80,000
(d) small	15,000
	Total Estim. \$ 130,000 ⁰⁰

→ possible ore - say 350' x 4' giving tonnage 100 T/U.F.
 $700 \text{ U.F.} \times 100 = 70,000 \text{ tons possible}$
 take $\frac{1}{2}$ — $35,000 \text{ tons} @ 50 \text{ oz} = \$1,750,000$
 profit $35,000 @ 25 \text{ oz} = \$850,000$

Summary - looks like a very good gamble, as in
 W. dip beds all way with strong coppered zone
 of gt - pay for regularity

Ore expectation & persistence historically good
 on Noble Five upper ridge.

* poss. most complete program would start drive NE from end American Boy #10
 Check for poss. of recommended program being done
 1935-1948 years, via sample prints.

Possibly old ore remnant - portion Am. Boy - Last Chance -
 Surprise that would contain considerable Zn-Ag-Pb
 millfeed because of zinc economics in early days of
 Camp when zinc spent mineral,

Noble Fire (cont'd.)

mm 1956: Coldy Face: consolidation of group including Noble Fire, Sloan Sovereign, Last Chance, American Boy, and Deadman - (Ind. Surprise?) road access to all principal workings.

Less in 1955, all work done on Noble Fire prop.

Several raises recent years from N-5 #18 to #16 main sub-level.

1956 Work done on 18 level to w of main X-C where projected American Boy - (Surprise) shear was located in 1955. Bid 365' of drift to west and 113' east. In west drift a raise put up 70' and a sublevel 60' long established. Exploratory raises tot 100' long driven from this sub-level. Mineral in negligible.

100' raising also done on small stingers from the 18 & 21 raise - results disappointing.

All developed under direction of W. Hall & leased in May.

In August, a geological & diamond drilling programme carried out by Midwest Engineering Services Ltd of Toronto, w. Grant Harper in charge, worked 8 & 18 levels. Mill did not operate.

mm 1955

18-24 raise opened shaft section of well-mined (2') wall at 230' above was opened & followed. Sub-level driven at 100' above 18-level for 230'. Other raises driven of this sub-level but no ore mineral revealed. On N-5 #16 level two raises driven on H-5 vein - the longest 500' @ 45° from it Nos 14 & 15 subs driven at 200' + 100' respectively above (vert.) 16-level. No 15 driven 120' → erratic zoning mineral.

The N-18 level X-C driven to point 350' N. of shaft; at 140' from shaft a drift was driven 100' NE on sp mineral.

Also on N-18, the Spur vein, (also called the "Coldy") was followed by a drift to a point 450' W. of main 18 X-C. From end of this drift, a crosscut was driven 350' N where a 0"-6" vein was intersected. This believed to be depth projection of American Boy. Followed by a 200' dr with mineral negligible; using explor.巷 holes.

Cont'd.-Noble Fire Groups.

1954 MM.

Raise driven on "spur" vein No 18-16 level.

Raises " on Noble 5 - vein No 18-16 level & by several 100's' dr. on 16 level - Weak vein / small in 40' dr. on Deadman #4 level on 18" 2m - big veins. A new adit driven 200' below Deadman #4 which did was driven without intersecting loose when work ceased at American Boy 350' of drifting done to get around cave on No 9 Adit + raises rehabilitated down to 10 - & 11- levels.

1953 MM.

"Spur" vein off 18-level investigated by some 5 stopings.

1952 MM.

A 200 ton (wet ton) per day mill erected at Cosby. 615 cfm compressors installed at mill for mine air. New road built to Noble Fire - Slocom Sovereign Camp and extended to Deadman & East Chance. Ore from the Slocom Sovereign dump was hauled by trucks as well as by the tram line which was repaired in 1951.

Mill commenced opn in July but closed before end of year.

1951 MM - Mill bldg erected for 100T/day concentrator.

1950 MM - Workings rehabilitated.

1949 - No despatch

1948 - LP family shipped 32 tons salvaged cans w/ gross content Ag: 497g; Pb 4116#; Zn 18,172# E Balos shipped 1/2 tons gross Ag: 58g; Pb 672#, Zn 293#

1947 - No data Noble Fire East Chance - Surprise

1946 - " " " " "

1945 (943+105) Mgr. Paul Lincoln Nelson B.C.

Shipped 20 T of Pb Cans & 13 T. Zn Cans yielding total of 1595 g Ag; 16842# Pb.; 13305# Zn.

1944 - A.H. Hinsberger Manager

2000,000 / 3000,000 sh. iss. 127,500 / 27,500 deb. iss.

Mill op @ 80T/day during January -

* Extensive d-d program between 8 & 18 levels while in progress while plant destroyed by fire.

No attempt made to replace plant or operate

1943 - Mill & Mine Plant reconditioned under H.H. Hinsberger \$50,000 main house put in opn. milled Sept-Oct 46 45 tons - tail crew = 70.

Cont'd - - - Noble Fine
Last Chance Surprise

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MM 1942 - Dividends 1897-1942 - \$213,109² by Last Chance Co.
" " " 72,859 by Noble Fine.

- Noble Fine acquired by ~~less mt. Base metals from the~~ previous owners Nelson Consolidated Mines Ltd.

A H Hinsleyer is now - record holder camp.

1941 - No mention in report - camp "dead"

1940 - "No mention in report."

1939 - " " " "

1938 - " " " "

1937 - Last Nelson Mgr. - several months op'n - 110' sinking,
348' dipping : 3249 T → 281 T Pb tons, 265 T galena
(281 T Pb tons → Au-3oz; Ag 23,855; 265,519 Pb; 37,793² Zn
265 T galena → Au-10g; Ag 2031 oz; 5707² Pb; 235,223² Zn
+ 1796² Col.

- Ops suspended early December. -

1936 - Noble Fine shipped 9 tons ore.

1935 - Resumed ops this spring under P. Tomalow after a
5 year shut-down. Operated at 8-18 level

→ 1934. - Noted that 1000² ft, 1934, from N. end of
No. 18 X-C. intersected "fair showing of galena &
sphalerite, w some pyrite @ 210'-211". Considered
possible that this may be the Last Chance vein
which was mined in the upper levels of the
property.

Estimated intensity of Noble 3 vein #8 to #18 sec
proved by ch. drilling.

Noted bulk of 1929-30 ore milled from ~~Deadman~~
This W-5 vein on #18 level. + 1934 drilling pushed
up offset vein seg. to N.E. of this old production
area - 8' vein w dozen py-gal-sphal members,
indicating continuity beyond fault for 1000'(L). Check
holes from S.E. face to level X-C mainly py. on this sect.
Two other up holes from here got vein sm'tl.

→ Give past refs; 1930, 1929, 1928, 1925, 1916, 1915, 1911, 1910

1896, 1895. 1930 - Shut down early in year - (no gristering of gold) of ^{below old loc.} Surprise Ext.

1929 - Prop. comes ¹ of Noble Fine. Inderville, Orange, Wyo., world Fair, Maudie E., Lecetta, Deadman, Noble Fine,

Summit Fr., Surprise No 2, Surprise Ext., Lady Jane,
Derby. Ag Pb Tn.

→ Milled 21,110 tons @ 13.35 6.55 7.76

MM 1929 (cont'd)

Stoping for year (see previous page for product.) carried out on 800 level a short drift east of main raise + some beyond X-fault in E end of 800 level.

* "The exploratory drift from the east end of the 800' level to the Surprise zone is estimated to have 200' more to go before reaching favourable ground for ore deposition." It is then planned to crosscut then crosscut from the end of this drift (in the "Surprise panel") to the north to explore the possible downward extension of the Surprise vein under the old Surprise slopes some 800' vertically above this level." When the prop was last visited in Jan 1930, there was one machine, in what is called No. 1 stope, 300 ft. east of No. 2 stope on the 800-level, doing a limited amount of prospecting work on a string iron showing.

Noted Deadman vein pinches down markedly where it crosses hard slate bands (noted as acting as "dams" for ore sales)

Deadman ore body on 1800 lev. 350' long, width at West end 20'-25' with avg of 6'-7' over mined area
* See page 304-305 for addnl important detail of mine explor. develop. etc.

Surprise section - 63 tons Ag-Pb-Zn shipped from 800+ above levels.

MM 1928 Property acquired this year: Noble Five Cr of 8 claims plus Surprise group of 3 claims.

Develop. to East on Deadman vein gave good ore results & 18 lev tonnage.

^{60 or 65 "}
^{net smelted}
W.S.
target
+
W.S.
target

Noble 5 vein on 18 lev. proved tight to date, but encouraging. Surprise to date, splendid record of production, having yielded 50,000 tons @ 47 oz Ag; 18% Pb; 13% Zn. This ore was mined from orebody developed to a depth of 800' below the apex of the vein during years 1904-1925, since when the mine has been closed down except for lessening opns.

* "The possibility of picking up the downward continuation of this ^{imported} ore shoot at depth, together with the fact that the Noble Five mfgs offered the only logical market for which this could be undertaken to best advantage were the pr. reasons for the acquisition of this property. In order to

Cont'd Noble Five

(MM 1928 cont'd)-

explore the potential area at a depth of 750' below the old Surprise workings, the No. 8 Noble Five level will be extended in an easterly direction about 700 feet, from which point a cross cut of about 450 feet will intersect the downward projection of the Surprise vein.

- W.S.
Target
- No further research required re Noble Five & Surprise (American Boy)
 - Look over Last Chance for further details of poor development of last chance segment of Last Chance - Surprise lode from Noble Five workings.

Bismarck Group } also keep eye on
Montezuma property ⑦

Claims Bismarck, Mountain Goat, Highland Toddle -
C.G. Claims & surveyed Black Bear M.C. are owned
by R.F. Taylor & G.B. Gerrard, H. Greengrass of
Karsl. El. 6400'

1900-1924 → 1063 Tons @ 102 oz Ag; 87.5% Pb.

Mt'l'n. Frosture filling - replacements of oxidized
ls. - ag.

* Sids @ N 55° E & 70 NW. planned & extended by
Nelson bath. N.P. to North (Sides to Cork-Poor!)

Workings Three adits over west range 400', developing a
loose & conform'l w. enc. sids, but varying
markedly across in sections (as at Cork-Poor!)
develop CM&S did some explorin after 1927.

Shot of op. ore 30' long passed ~~the~~ 'clearing'
extending 112' below No. 1 Level - part, to
to shot encountered near face of 3-level &
an addnl depth of 238'. width 2'-3' at
3 level & wider in develop raise division
etc.

Summary - loss. of finding large-scale replace
In-Pb-Ag ore sun to Cork-Poor,
using geophysics, exploring methods.

+ Structures showing dipping to NE - E-W
trends as at Cork (mainly Nelson bath.)
should be looked for!

Note rolls in vertical section along w.
prevailing W-E strike should be favourable.

1952. Under B.C. Metal Minis - H.H. Hall Consultant.

Tractor road constructed & drilling planned
for following year, but apparently never
carried out.

in 1928 (P.307) - - Explorin option by CM&S & option dropped -
one year only.

LAST CHANCE, SANDON { See "Noble Fine" for
work done after 1929 ⑧

mm. 1929 - not mentioned

1928 - " "

1927 - " "

1926 - " "

mm. 1925 -

mm. 1922

SURPRISE, SANDON. See "Noble Five" for
work done after 1929 ⑨

MM. 1929 Shipped 63 Tons Ag-Pb-Zn.

MM 1928 - See description under Noble Five - P. 60
Production to date, from #8 level to surf. (900'
deep ore-shoot) was 50,000 tons @ 47% Ag; 18% Pb; 13% Zn
- No further research required here -
for present purposes @ 3/20/02.