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ANNIS MINES, a lead-silver-zinc discovery, is located between Salmon Arm and Sicamous in the Larch Hills area overlooking Shuswap Lake. Thirty-eight claims, stretching from the shore of Shuswap Lake up and over the mountain and downwards on the other side toward Mara Lake.



Site of the Mine Camp One and One-half Miles Up  
Into the Larch Hills



Bill Campbell, left, and Don Spankes

## LARCH HILLS MINE ADVENTURE SHAPING UP

A search for mica on the southern slopes of the Larch Hills, has led three men into a silver, zinc, lead and copper mining adventure on the northern slopes.

Annis Mines Ltd. is nearing the peak of a two-year exploration period which it hopes will run rich before the snow falls this winter.

In two years the company has invested about \$70,000 on its exploration program. It has dug one 225-foot tunnel into the mountain and about 20 trenches. Ore samples have been encouraging.

"The fact that ore is present is all around us," president Donn Spankes of Monte Lake was saying the other day at the mine camp, "but how

much of it there is is another question," he said the best professional advice tells him and 280 shareholders to carry on.

"Probably the most encouraging thing to happen to us is that several large mining companies have been up here during the past 10 weeks and are interested in developing the site," Mr. Spankes said.

The efforts of the company are plain to see. It has built a cook house, four bunkhouses, a core shed, and is now building a 60-20-foot workshed. It also owns several pieces of heavy equipment. Machinery for underground exploration has re-



**Ore Samples Filed Away in the Core Shack**



**Entrance to the 225-Foot Tunnel Drilled Into the Side of the Mountain**

cently been purchased and the company expects to bring in diamond drillers within the next few weeks.

The stepped-up exploration program will be both underground and on the surface and is the recommendation of company geologist, Sherwin F. Kelly.

The surface program includes bulldozing to further expose formations of underlying geophysical anomalies which were not tested last summer. The geophysical grid is being extended outside the first grid utilized. Diamond drilling will carry the hunt for ore inwards.

Underground work will include drifting along the veins revealed in the cross-cut, driven last winter at the end of the old adit. Consideration is also being given to extending the cross-cut in the opposite direction, to intersect veins recently discovered by bulldozing to the south.

Mr. Spankes said \$30,000 has been allocated for diamond drilling for exploration purposes.

Site of the mine is about 1½ miles up into the Larch Hills, using an old logging road. The mine base camp is on the same site loggers made their camp.

The company is not listed with stock brokers yet, but probably will be if results of the next phase of the exploration program are good.

"We have no major shareholders," Mr. Spankes said, "just a group of people backing the company. We are enthusiastic about the project, but at this point there is no use trying to excite people. On the other hand we do know a lot of people are interested in us."

Mr. Spankes' search for mica on the opposite side of the hill about eight years ago eventually led to the formation of Annis Mines. In looking for mica, the group found a high-grade band of ore, and this prompted them to form Tongo Mining Ltd., which folded after one season.

"There was a period of about five years during which we were unable to do anything because of money," Mr. Spankes said, "but then about two years ago we re-organized as Annis Mines Ltd. Since then we have slowly moved ahead to the point where we feel quite confident."



Liner Punches Hole In Rock In Search of Ore

Annis Mines has so far gone about its project the hard way. Instead of hiring a promoter, it has gone on its own hook and used this money to buy equipment. "We didn't want to push the cost of our shares up at this time," Mr. Spankes said. The company is privately selling shares.

By not hiring a stock promoter to promote it and by getting this far along with exploration, the company has caused those in the mining business to raise an eyebrow, though. Usually promoters are involved before this point.

"Geologists tell us we have only to hit a bed of ore measuring about 2,000 feet long, 300 feet deep and 25 feet wide and we'd have enough to start a 200-ton mill," Mr. Spankes says.

Annis Mines has been tracking a bed of ore which starts at Shuswap Lake, visible at low water. The bed measures about 100 feet wide at this point, then runs up into the hills. Drillers are attempting to locate it at various positions and the hope is that the bed widens up the mountain.

Assay results showed 5.4 per cent lead and zinc and 2.5 per ton in silver from samples taken



One of About 20 Surface Trenches on Mountain

last summer. Three hundred feet to the east, a trench bulldozed at the end of the season uncovered a mineralized zone from which a grab sample was taken. The assay report showed 13.9 per cent lead, 2.75 zinc and 4.8 ounces per ton in silver.

This is believed to lie on the same vein system and extended investigation is being conducted now.

Two mineralization beds were found in the cross-cuts with true widths of 13½ feet and 10.8 feet. Values were lower than in the trenches with assays showing 1.77 per cent lead, 0.25 per cent copper and 0.60 ounces per ton in silver and 0.52 in zinc. Samples grabbed from the dump, however, ran as high as 2.3 per cent in copper and 2.5 per cent in zinc, 0.9 ounces silver and 1.16 lead.

Directors of the company are Mr. Spankes, president; Bill Campbell, of Sicamous, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Sherwin F. Kelly, of Merritt, and recently Bill Alley, of Port Moody, has been added to the board.

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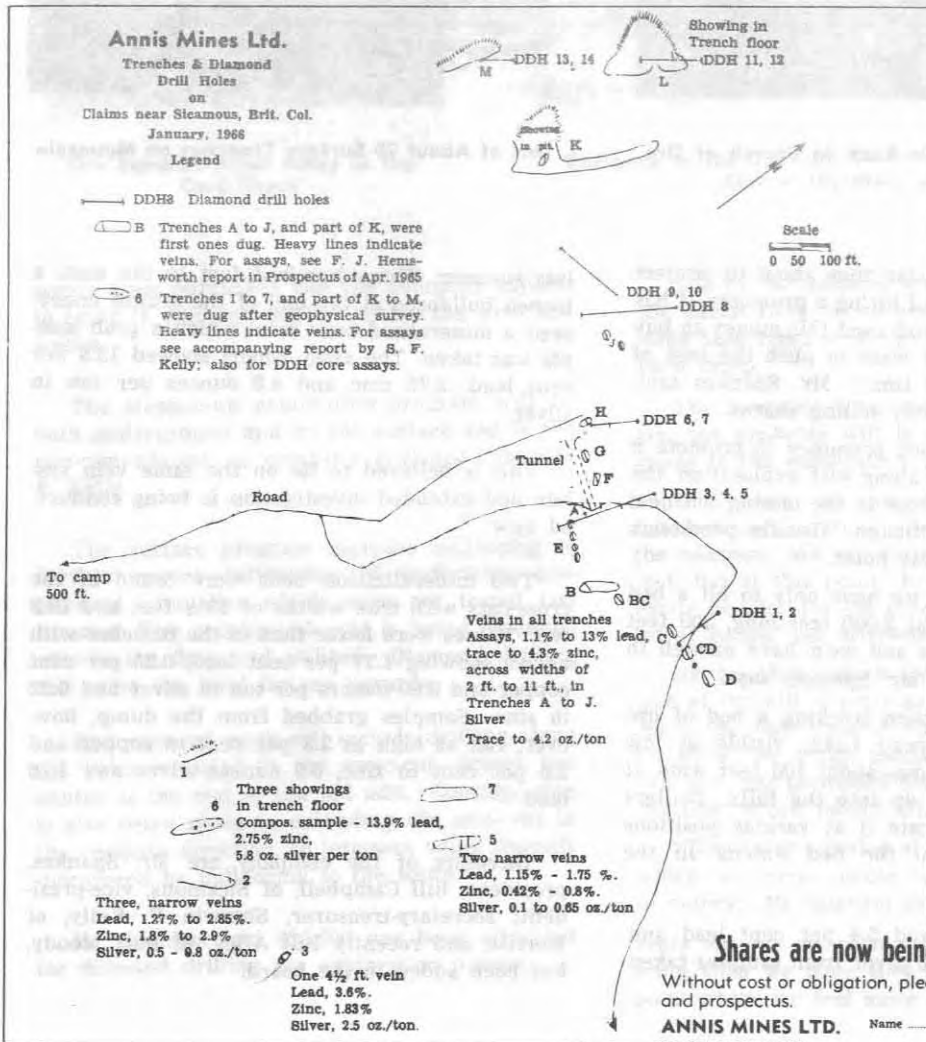
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