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GEORGIA Western HOTEL

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Dear Bill

An interim report to give you what will, I think, be adequate data on the Sam Gerrard property. I'll send you a formal report shortly - I'll be returning to Merritt tomorrow, I expect. We had our annual meeting of Amalgamated Rescuers this afternoon - quite smooth and harmonious.

The Gerrard (?) property consists of 52 claims, staked by L. E. Timmins in 1962 + 1963. Timmins organised the Coultree Mining Syndicate in the fall of 1962, stating that the syndicate owned the claims then staked (about 20). In December, '62, he executed an agreement, stating he was the owner and had full authority to sell, by which he assigned 50% to Sam Gerrard. This actually, however, put on record a prior compact by which Gerrard acquired the 50% interest in return for paying the costs of staking and recording.

To date, Timmins + Gerrard have not legally assigned the claims to the Coultree Syndicate. As far as the Mining Recorder is concerned, L. E. Timmins is the owner of record.

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I pointed out to Sam Gerrard that Timmins (and possibly Gerrard) is in a legally untenable position, and a complete clarification of the ownership is urgently required.

The claims lie at the west edge of Merritt, and extend from Nicola River, up the mountain to, or over the crest. The slopes from the roadside up, are about 30° and largely covered by talus lying at the angle of repose. The slopes are occasionally interrupted by cliffs of andesite, of the Nicola series.

Gerrard has been cleaning out an old shaft near the highway, in a gully extending up the hillside about N85°E. He has not reached bedrock yet, at a depth of 12 ft.

A few feet uphill, a short adit runs into the east ~~bank~~ bank some 20 ft. Sheared andesite is exposed, with some pyrite and little or no chalcopyrite. I took a sample.

A couple of sloughed excavations were seen further up the gully, from which some chunks of specular hematite had been dug. No sulphides noted. No samples taken.

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About 1500 ft. up the gully we turned west and went 1000 ft. or so along the hillside to a prominent cliff. Here, a 2 ft. shear zone was exposed in the face of the cliff, for a length of about 12 ft. It is about 2 ft. wide, is silicified and carries blebs of chalcopyrite here and there. I sampled the vein, and the rock about 2 ft. into the hanging wall, made possible by a dog-leg in the cliff face, thus—

vein  cliff face.

That occupied a long day the first day. I nearly forgot—we then visited another cliff face a little lower on the hill slope. Gerrard did not know whether it had any showings or not. I found none. I took no samples.

The next day we went to another cliff face about as high above the road, but east of the gully possibly some 1000 ft. or so. The B.C. Govt. Geologist in the area, Neil McKechnie, came along, too.

After an arduous climb we reached the cliff top. I asked Gerrard where the showings were, and he replied "I don't know".

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Heid McKechnie then went one way along the bluff face, Gerrard and I went the other. McKechnie found nothing. Gerrard showed me half a dozen places where a shot or two had blasted out little recesses into the cliff face, evidently on a shear zone several feet wide, which lies at, or close to the cliff face. No mineralisation was seen. I took samples from one spot.

On a small rock spur, sticking out from the cliff, Gerrard dug up some pieces of vein material lying in the dirt covering a few square feet of the rock spur (not much bigger than making room for the two of us to stand on it). Three or four pieces, an inch or so in diam., were well mineralised with chalcopyrite. We could see no evidence as to where the source might be. If it were a major vein, it would have been prominent in the extensive and high, bluff outcrop. Pockets like this can occur in the Nicola rocks, and the occurrence be limited to the occasional, small pocket or maybe a few pounds.

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Samples - or I should say specimens such as these were doubtless responsible for the 3% and 6% Cu assays reported from this vicinity.

We saw no intrusive rocks.

The andesite cliffs, with the exception of those noted, were devoid of mineralisation, except for the occasional speck of pyrite or chalcopyrite.

There's the story! Too bad it is the kind of story it is!

I'll send you a proper report shortly

Cordially
Sherwin

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