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Dear Mr. Holt,

I dont know whether it hasbeen reported to you that there is a very valuable clay on the Albany. I told Upton about it last year. It is necessary to investigate the quantity available before much can be said about it, and it was my intention to make the necessary examination into these clay deposits this spring. Now that I will have nothing more to do with Albany while under the present Board of Directors, as I have absolutely lost all confidence in their business ability and integrity so far as running a mine goes, this will not be done by me; but in case you have not heard of it from any other source it is my duty to let you know about it. This clay commands a very high price and if there is any appreciable quantity of it on the Albany it may prove a valuable asset.

Yours sincerely,

*E. A. Haggen*

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### PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Holt,

I see by Saturday Night's Province that Upton is determined to force his views down the throat of the Directors of the Albany Company, without allowing them any voice whatever in the matter. You no doubt saw the article stating Silverthorn had been appointed the company's engineer and in full charge of the coming season's development. You know that no such resolution was passed by the meeting. I am satisfied that Upton either supplied or wrote that article to advance his own ends; and would like to know whether he has entered the matter in the Company's minute book so as to endorse his recommendations.

Since his breaking faith with Kimble after promising him the installation of the water power I have absolutely no confidence in his handling of the company's affairs. It is a disgraceful thing to promise a man a job to induce him to enter into an agreement for the sale of his property and then break faith with him. I still think the company should keep faith with Kimball in some way. My impression is that if its does not it will have trouble on its hands, and Kimball would have grounds for taking steps to upset the company's title on the ground that his signature was obtained by misrepresentation.

As I told you I have hunted up Silverthorn's complete record and he is neither a qualified mechanical nor mining man as

represented to the Directors by Mr. Upton. There is some scheme of Upton's behind this. He has found that he cannot use me for any questionable schemes involving the Company's affairs, and wants someone more amenable to him.

I have had advice from Mr. Thomas, whom I recommended for the position, that he is willing to accept it if the Directors wish to appoint him. He is one of the most experienced and capable mining men in that district. He has been operating mines there for some years and knows conditions thoroughly. He is a first-class practical mechanic. He can put together, repair and operate any mining or power machinery. If the blacksmith is ill or off he can go into the shop himself and keep the miners supplied with steel. He is in every way the type of man for the position if you want efficient and economical operation at the Albany Mine.

I have now been connected with the Albany for about a year. I opposed the joy-ride to Europe, entered into on the representation that the necessary capital could be raised in England and Switzerland. That was Upton's scheme and you know what a failure it was. I am opposing Upton's scheme now because I know it will similarly fail and bring discredit on the company, especially in view of the breach of faith with Kimball. Every Director knows I have given the Company efficient and economical service and advice. I will continue to do so as long as I am with the Company. At the same time I have *no desire* to remain as the company's consulting engineer for the sake of the job. A hundred dollars a month is nothing to me as you can understand from the fact that my professional bookings last week alone ran into \$1,500.

It is true I have no financial interest in the Company but I

have a professional reputation to maintain and will do it at all costs. It is a matter of ethics with me that I never held shares in a company with which I have any professional connection for the reason that if I did self-interest might unconsciously prejudice my judgment.

A number of people have put money into Albany on my advice and my confidence in the business integrity of the Directors. It is my duty to do all I can to protect their interests, and I am going to do it both when in the service of the company and after I leave it. My duty is to co-operate and assist the Directors to make a success of their undertaking in every way possible, but I shall certainly resign if Upton's advice goes through, as I know it would be suicidal to the interests of the shareholders and it will be my duty to tell them so. In any case I shall continue the fight both personally and in the press if necessary to protect Directors and shareholders alike against any attempt at chicanery in the Company's affairs.

The fact that the nature of the mining industry is such that it can so often be made the victim of fraud and imposture is the reason why mining engineers are trained to be ever on the alert and investigate all jobs and schemes sought to be imposed on mining companies. Mining is the most highly technical business on earth. If Directors of Mining Companies would realize this there would be more attention paid to the advice of their responsible mining engineers with fewer failures and financial losses in the industry.

As there is a meeting of your Directors tonight to arrange the company's finances I have thought it well to give you my views on the matter in plain English. Upton and I cannot pull together any longer. I would not fall for his scheme to divide up on share sales and that seems to be where the trouble between us started. As you

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can realize no company can afford to have its business in the hands of its officials when they are at loggerheads instead of pulling together for its advantage. Either Upton or I has to get out, or otherwise there cannot be harmony in the company's affairs. People who are otherwise willing to put money into the Albany mortgage have consulted me about it and told me plainly that their one objection was to the handling of its affairs by the present secretary-treasurer. It appears to me that as Mr. Ashworth Anderson is fiscal agent, the secretary-treasurership should also be in his office where the company's affairs would be handled in a business-like manner and free from suspicion.

Excuse me drawing attention to these matters and taking up your time with them, but you are heavily interested in Albany. You have a proposition there which looks as if it will make a lot of money for its investors if handled right. Then let us handle it right, or put it in the hands of those who will.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Pitt,

Herewith please find the following plans of Albany which I have specially prepared for your visit to Albany with a view to affording you the fullest possible information. Please accept them as a present from me with my compliments and I trust you will find them as useful as I have endeavored to make them:-

#1- Survey Plan of Albany Group showing veins and workings.

#2- Plan of new development at Thompson Tunnel

#3- Vertical Plan showing Depth of Ore and Mill facilities. Note that Albany can get its ore direct from mine to mill without the costly aerial tramways as at Premier and Dunwell; while its water power saves thousands of dollars a year these other mines have to spend for the importation of foreign fuel oil. Albany can thus operate much more economically under good management than any of them.

#4- Plan showing Geology of Area.

#5- Plan showing relation of Albany to neighbouring mines.

Also please find the following letters of introduction in case you require to use any of them:-

Mr. Dale Pitt, General Manager Premier Mine.

Mr. M. Little, General Supt. Dunwell Mine.

Mr. Crosby, Manager Bank of Montreal, Stewart.

Mr. Fred Young, Stewart, re arrangements for your trip to Albany

Mr. D. Kimball, Dunwell Mill, re adjustment of his grievance and threatened litigation against Albany Company.

These letters are all open so so you can refer to them and ascertain which of them you want to use. Seal them before delivery.

Permit me to make the following suggestions for your trip so that on your return you will have the necessary information as to how things are going. If you want to talk over any six of these matters with me on your return I shall be glad to give you the necessary time:-

#1- When at Stewart see Bank of Montreal and ascertain full particulars as to how the Bank Account is being operated as a precaution against improper use of the company's moneys.

#2-At Dunwell Mill see Kimball, presenting this letter of introduction, and straighten out his trouble with company.

#3- At Mine get following information:-

(a)-Statement in full of all accounts and payments made for months of April and May, also this month to date of your visit.

(b)- Statement of all liabilities unpaid or current.

(c)-Names of all persons on pay-roll, the work being done and wages paid each man.

(d)-Nature of machinery installed, from whom bought, price paid, and condition of machines.

(e)-Cost in detail of transporting to the mine and installing such machinery.

(f)-Details of Water-power installation and cost of same.

(g)-Head of Water used, amount of power generated, length and dimensions of flume; length and size of pipe line from flume to water motor.

(h)-Details of buildings constructed and cost of same.

(i)-Whether notice was received from Inspector of Mines

requiring removal of powder magazine to safe position in compliance with Government regulations; placing of camp in sanitary condition; arrangement of camp buildings to comply with Government regulations; operation of mine by qualified superintendent.

(j)- Amount of work done in mine, width of ore being developed, character and value of same.

(k)- Improvements effected to trails.

(l)- Is flume protected from slides and falling timber. If not the breaking away of this water with the head available would destroy the buildings and workings and ruin the mine in a very short time.

(m)- Has the ore dump at mouth of Thompson Tunnel been protected from washing away by the Creek. There are some \$8000 of ore in this dump which might all be lost in a short time unless this is done.

(n)- Prepare full report for issue to shareholders embodying the above information, as there is much dissatisfaction that shareholders have been absolutely unable to obtain any information as to the company's expenditures and results of the work for the past three months. A monthly circular should be issued to shareholders giving such information fully and truthfully.

Wishing you a successful trip and that you may find everything to your satisfaction,

I have &c.

*E. M. Bergen*