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SUMMARY

The period June 15th to June 29th was spent in the examination of the Ann Group of Mineral Claims. These claims are situated eight miles due east of the junction of the Porcupine River with the Stikine River, Liard Mining Division, B.C. and are owned by R. A. McCann of Vancouver.

Large areas of azurite and malachite were seen in two widely separated but parallel zones. The estimated copper content of the mineralized andesite would be in the neighbourhood of 0.1% Cu beneath the area covered by carbonates. A few pods that could contain 1% or 2% Cu were too small to have any economic significance.

It is recommended that no further work be done on the property.

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INTRODUCTION

Kennco's property about four miles to the Northeast appears to have definite production potential. The Ann Group of Claims, from which some interesting assay results had been obtained, was examined in the hope that similar deposits might exist here.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

The 48 claims are situated eight miles due east of the mouth of the Porcupine River at Lat. $57^{\circ}4'$ N, Long. $131^{\circ}32'$ W.

Access is difficult. A small island at the mouth of the Porcupine River is commonly used as a base camp. This can be reached by boat or float plane from Wrangell or Telegraph Creek, each a distance of approximately 80 miles. It is impractical to walk into Split Creek so a helicopter is almost essential to reach the claims from the island.

PREVIOUS WORK

The property had been examined previously by the Springer Interests, Kennco and New Jersey Zinc and others.

No stripping or geophysical work has been done.

EXAMINATION PROCEOURE

Several feet of snow and extensive overburden over much of the property made a full evaluation of the claims impossible. The two main showings were well exposed and much of the time was spent in their detailed examination.

A small amount of magnetic and geochemical work was attempted but/

Examination Procedure (Cont'd):

but the precipitous nature of the ground made such work slow and hazardous.

Four samples for assay were taken from the best zones.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

Andesite is the major rock type on the southwestern claims.

Near the northwesterly shears it has been slightly altered with chlorite

and epidote being abundant. Away from the faults it is porphyritic and

fresh. It is massive and its attitude obscured.

Several andesite and rhyolite dykes occur on the property.

Their general strike is North/South, intersecting the shear zones at an acute engle.

Small pods of diorite are seen to intrude the andesite and quartz monzonite is supposed to occupy the northeastern claims.

Apart from Split Creek, which appears to be a large fault, the main observed faulting shows up in the several parallel sharp gulleys on the northwest side of Split Creek. Their strike is consistently N 25° to N 40° W. The larger two of these gulleys are known as 1st W. Split and 2nd W. Split and contain the main copper showings.

ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

Azurite and malachite cover several hundred square feet of the exposed rock bluffs that border the two main western tributaries of Split Creek.

In the lower of these, called the lst W. Split, chalcopyrite is scattered through an observed length of about 1500' and in the west, or upper part, over a width of 300'. Within this, forming the bed of the east fork, is a shear zone about 300' long and averaging under 5' in width that would assay close to 1% Cu. This entire zone would not average more than 0.1% Cu even though the large stained areas suggest more exciting possibilities. The chalcopyrite is finely disseminated and quite fresh indicating that little leaching has taken place: It is thus not reasonable to assume that higher values would be present at depth.

In the 2nd W. Split small outcrops of diorite indicate that an intrusive diorite contact closely follows the northeast side of the gulley.

Where the contact between diorite and andesite was seen there was little alteration or mineralization. The copper appears to be related more closely to the northwest shear zone than to the intrusive body.

Here, too, large areas of copper carbonate give a deceptive picture. The grade is extremely low with only a few small pockets of a few tons each that could be expected to assay up to 1% Cu.

In a few places, specks of molybdenite were seen but can only be/

Economic Geology (Cont'd):

be regarded as being present in "trace" quantities.

CONCLUSIONS

The rock exposure is too limited to give a complete evaluation of the property.

The best known mineralized zones are too small to have any economic significance.

Nowhere on the property was there any structural or geological situation either observed projected or suspected that would serve as a guide for further constructive work such as stripping or diamond drilling.

Rugged topography, the immense cost of access, together with the low grade of the known showings, makes this group of claims unattractive for further work.

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOMPANYING MAPS

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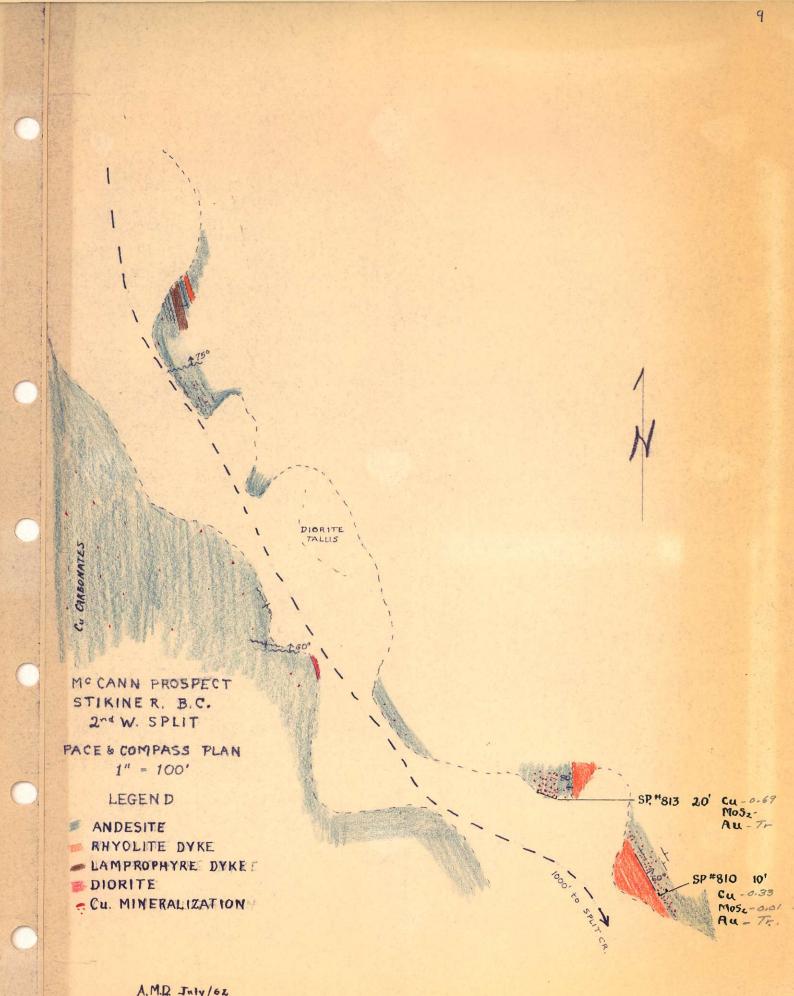
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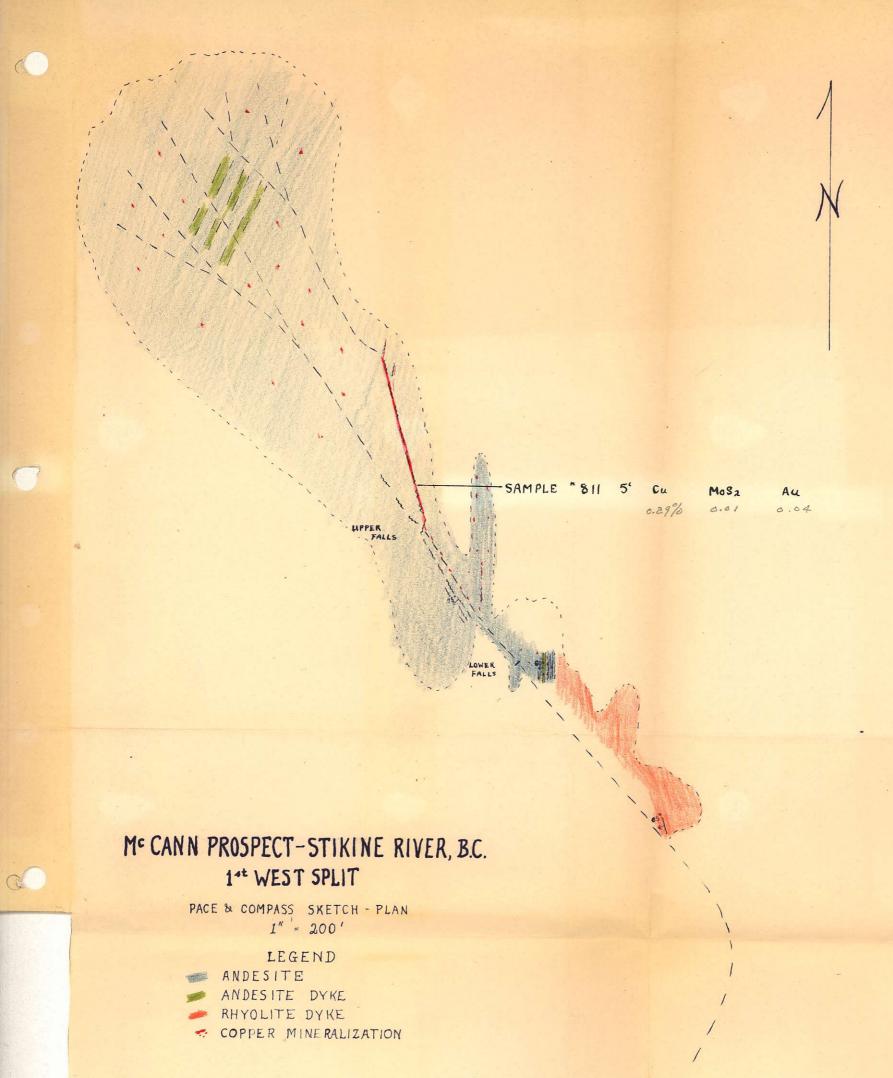
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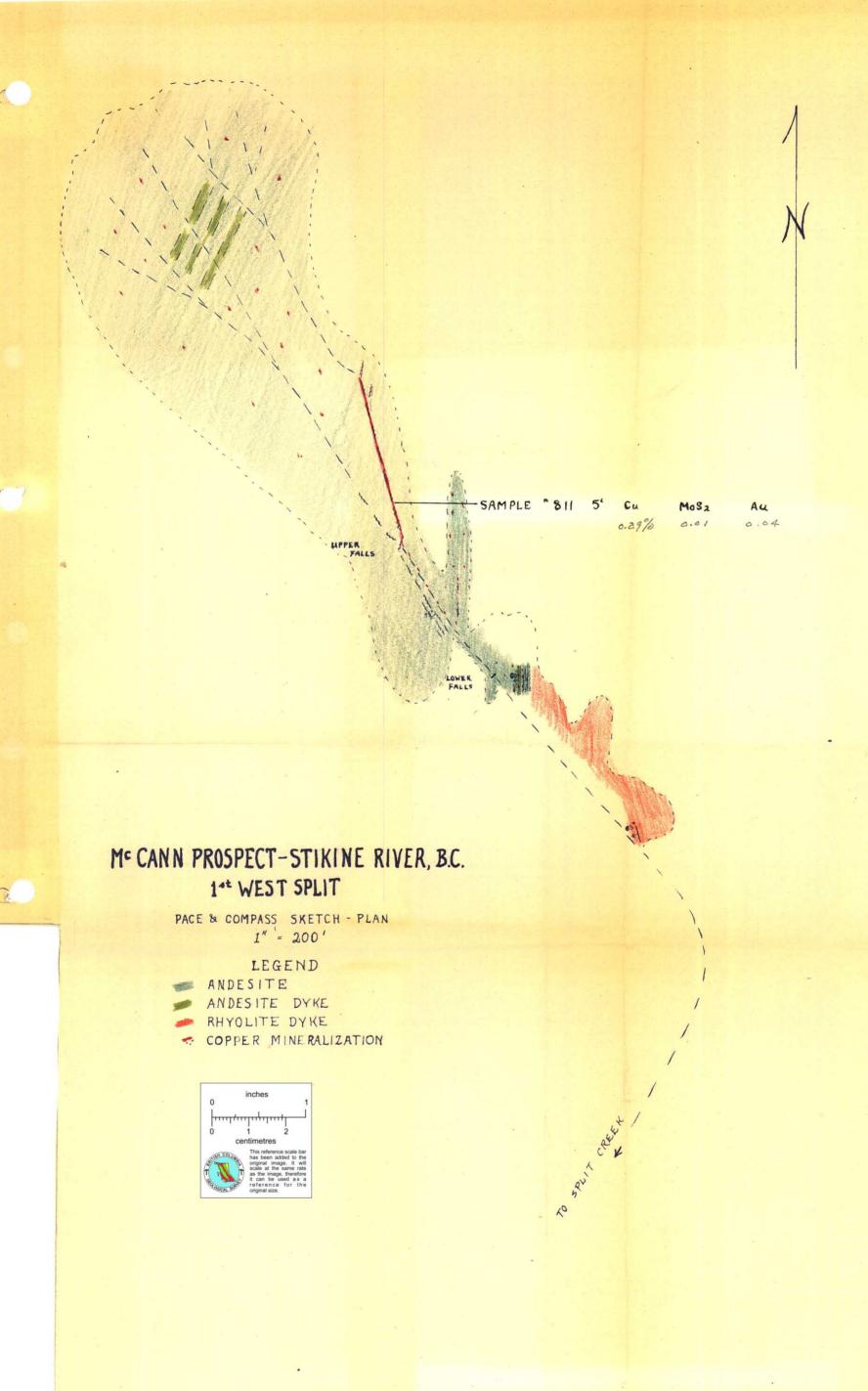
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