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Sept. 9, 1925.

EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT.

> C. F. Law, Esq., Broker, 207 Dominion Bank Building, VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. Law:-

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Your favor of August 24th, awaited my return to the Mine Monday last, and hence the delay in this reply.

We wish to thank you for your explanation of the failure of the expedition placed under Mr. Foss's charge. He examined the placer property mentioned by you, but without being able to interest the Company therein.

We have just heard from Mr. James, and he has staked some ground in the country which he visited and we expect to be in touch with him about the 20th instant.

If you are going to London, we would indeed bp pleased to heave you call at South Porcupine enroute. The Canadian National Transcontinental Train passes through Porquis Junction, which is only 20 miles from South Porcupine. So a stop-over would not be hard to make and in this way, we could get into personal touch and better discuss problems relative to the property staked by cour Mr. Jamos, as well as any future propositions you have to make.

Very truly yours,

DGHW/RGM.

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GOLD AND SILVER MINES, COPPER, LEAD AND ZINC PROPERTIES COAL AND PETROLEUM LANDS

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24th August, 1925.

D.G.H. Wright, Esq., Geologist, Exploration Department, Dome Mines, Ltd., South Porcupine, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your favour of the 14th instant duly received.

I received a letter from Mr. Foss dated July 31st of the same purport as your letter and asking if I had any instructions to give him to look at other prospects.

I wired him August 8th as follows:- "Examine gold quartz Yanks Peak, Keithley Creek, Hasbrook guide." Negotiate if satisfactory not writing."

This property is marked on map herewith enclosed under the news clipping pinned thereon.

The other markings are Placer Leases covering three miles of very rich gravel deposits which can be worked by hydraulicing, drifting and dredging and is estimated to contain twelve million dollars, viz. thirty million yards having an average value of 40¢ per yard. This amount can be recovered at an expense of 10¢ per yard and is undoubtedly the richest undeveloped gravel property according to the opinion of the late Dr. George Dawson in the Cariboo District. It is owned by the Keithley Creek Gold Mining Company, controlled by myself and partners. If you would become interested in rich Placer Leases I would make you an offer on this property on a partnership basis of 60% to your company and 40% to the Keithley Creek Company, you to find all the working capital and develop the ground as may be found profitable. Keithley Creek has already produced eight million dollars above and below our leases and is accessible at all times of the year.

The quartz which I asked Mr. Foss to examine was only found last year and shows some very rich gold ore. Hasbrook, the guide, is one of the locators, but not the principal claims. I do not know if Mr. Foss acted on my wire, or not, as sixteen days have elapsed and I have not heard from him. It is quite certain that he did not reach his objective point on Hobson Lake. Those silver-lead deposits were located first about thirty years ago and again in 1911 and 1912, but they were so remote that they were not considered of commercial value. I have seen the ore and assays.

Hasbrook, of Keithley Creek, was one of the locators in 1911. The guide, Dering, who accompanied Mr. Foss, should know where the locations are situated as he has trapped and hunted in there for years, but a halfbreed is always unreliable and may conceal the principal object for reasons only known to himself, although he is employed to find the locations and should act in good faith.

I regret the result and will endeavour to discover the exact location from Hasbrook and others who have been on the ground.

I may be going to London next month and if so will call at South Porcupine and see you, when we can discuss the field operations together.

Yours faithfully.

Chas A Law

The country drained by Keithley creek and its tributaries has not yet attracted the attention of capitalists. The gravels in this section are undoubtedly richer than those of the Quesnel River district, and should attract the attention of large operators when transportation is rendered easier.

LODE-MINING.

Interest in quartz-mining is being aroused. On *Yanks* ledge, on Snowshoe creek, Mr. Hebson and associates have a tunnel in 40 feet; this ledge averages in width 9 feet, and yields gold freely by panning.

Frank Cannon has driven 90 feet on his copper ledge on the Quesnel river, near Twentymile creek, and is reported to have an excellent showing of copper-ore in the face of the tunnel.

At the head of Quesnel lake some prospecting-work has been done on the *Big Galena* ledge, seventeen claims have been staked on this ledge; most of these have been bonded to the representatives of Chicago capitalists. One of the owners reports that one prospect-shaft "discloses a width of 20 feet of solid galena" (the writer feels some doubt as to the accuracy of this report, although it was made most emphatically). There is no doubt that the Quesnel Lake and Cariboo Lake regions are well worth the attention of the quartz prospector.

The Horsefly River Gold Dredge and Mining Company, head office in Vancouver, was hydraulicking at Harpers Camp for a short time at the close of the season, but the work was, to a great extent preparatory, so no great result was looked for. In all probability the coming season will see a considerable amount of work in this camp. From the foregoing facts it will readily be seen that, with the transportation facilities which are assured in the near future, the Quesnel Mining Division has great opportunities for the prospector.

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Opposite the McLennan range and three miles north of Sand creek on a range of mountains. the *Kelly* group of mica claims has been recorded, but no information could be obtained about them.

It would appear that the pegmatite dykes referred to occur over a fairly wide area in this section of the Province, and now that the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern Railways has removed the most serious of the transportation problems, it is likely that an impetus will be given to prospecting for mica and that shipping mines will be recorded in the near future.

## QUESNEL MINING DIVISION.

### REPORT BY E. C. LUNN, MINING RECORDER.

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on mining operations in the Quesnel Mining Division of the Cariboo District for the year ending December 31st, 1912.

The revenue derived from mining shows a slight increase over that of last year, but, owing to most of the properties being in a state of development, there has been no large output.

Referring to the Quesnel Hydraulic Gold Mining Company, I notice that the report on this property has already been supplied by the Provincial Mineralogist in last year's Report, and, as it is a very full one, I am unable to add anything thereto.

The Morehead Mining Company, located on Morehead creek, with S. M. Pletch as manager, and Andrew Nesbitt as engineer, is putting in an hydraulic plant that will handle 4,000 yards of gravel a day. During the past season a tunnel has been run in on the channel with satisfactory results, allowing the installation of the above-mentioned plant. Material and supplies for the work of the coming season are now on the road, and operations will begin about April 15th. The Morehead Mining Company has its head office in Calgary, and the head office for the Province is at Quesnel Forks. Building will commence early in the year, and probably a crew of from twenty to thirty men will be employed for the entire season.

I am indebted to Thomas Graham for the following details of the Keithley Creek and Quesnel Forks section :—

The past year has witnessed a most encouraging revival of the mining industry. On the Quesnel river at Seven-mile creek the Water Tight Dipper Dredge and Mining Company, erected a camp and put in a sawmill, the first steps in the construction of the big dredge, and from information received I understand a considerable amount of work will be done this season.

On Spanish creek, a tributary of the North fork of the Quesnel river, John Hopp equipped a property formerly held by the Guggenheims, and hydraulicked with a crew of twenty men; it was late in the season before operations commenced, but the results were most encouraging. There seems to be a strong probability that this property will yield handsomely in the future. On Snowshoe creek the *Luce* hydraulic was operated with a crew of eight men with satisfactory results.

On Barr creek Mr. Hebson hydraulicked with a small crew.

On Marten creek Mr. Smith operated with a No. 2 Giant.

On Keithley, Goose, and Four-mile creeks considerable prospecting-work in gravels was accomplished.

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