

NOTES ON B. C. SILVER MINES, LIMITED
PORTLAND CANAL MINING DIVISION, B. C.

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This property was visited on October 22, 1926. It adjoins the Premier Mine on the North and lies East of the Northern Light claims. The Company is controlled by the Selukwe Company of London, which Company also controls the Kafue Dredging Company, operating on Antler Creek, Cariboo.

C. A. Banks is Managing Director, and Major C. B. North is resident manager of the B. C. Silver. Major North kindly gave permission to go underground and to examine the mine plans. The ore zones on the B. C. Silver are on the Oakville fraction near the Premier Boundary and on the Humboldt fraction, 1,600 feet from the Northern Light. This property (the B. C. Silver) will receive some of the Premier ores at depth. The ore zone on the Humboldt fraction appears to have a length of about 350 feet. The average value over 5 feet is about \$20.00 per ton in Gold and Silver, according to reports attached. There are wider low grade sections, and also high-grade sections from which shipments have been made averaging \$88.00 per ton.

The quantity of ore so far indicated on the B. C. Silver is not in any way comparable to that found on the Premier. The Premier owns 37 1/2% of the B. C. Silver stock. Major North said the Selukwe can always get their investment back if they want to sell to the Premier, but that the present object was to develop enough ore to warrant a mill. It seems that they they have about an even chance of doing this. New buildings for 50 men are nearly completed, also an office and an

assay office. Mining by assay is the rule of the district. Power is provided by semi-Diesel engines using crude oil at 12¢ per gallon, at the property. The present plan of development calls for sinking a 250 foot shaft on the Humboldt fraction to avoid driving a long tunnel. About 30 men are employed.

The Sebakwe group to the north is also controlled by the Selukew Company. A prospect tunnel is being driven in to cut ore bodies extending from the B. C. Silver on the south.