

LETTER - GALENA GHAT Nelson B.C.,
Oct. 13/1925.

Dept. "E"
Dome Mines, Limited,

Dear Sirs:

Oct. 5th to 10th

was spent in the Windermere
district, and the Galena
Ghat Mines, Ltd. (White Bar)

property was examined.

I saw Mr. H. J.

Harding, Sr., at Bonff, after
which his son & I proceeded
by car to Atholmere. Mr.

J. C. Pitts, manager of the
property, in Postmaster at

~~Atholmere~~. Invermere.

Report

on the property is enclosed.

As shown therein, the property
is small. It is unlikely

either to open up much larger
upon development or to interest
the Company upon the terms
mentioned by Mr. Harding.

From the shipping record
of the Florence it would seem
that that property offers

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much larger possibilities.

I was impressed, however, by the possibilities of the Windermere district as a whole. The Paradise Mine, on Toby Creek, owned by Robt. Bruce, of Invermere, is a steady shipper the year round, and apparently is worked at a good profit. It is not on the market.

Snow in the mountains and lack of time prevented me from visiting other properties, but there seem to be quite a number of small, fairly high-grade undeveloped properties that could be got hold of at a reasonable figure. The usual "bond" or option taken in the district calls for a cash payment of from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the balance being paid from 50% of the net smelter returns, as received.

Thus the risk is small and the property is made to pay for itself out of production.

J. L. McKay, to whom I had a letter, said he had sold the "Lead Queen", 20 miles west of the town of Brisco, north of Windermere, to New York people about ten days before my arrival in the camp. He said he got a cash payment of \$2,500. He is known locally as a "claim-jumper". He has other prospects, notably one adjoining the Parnigan, on Mc Donald Creek, but it was too late in the season to visit them.

J. Standridge would give us an option with no cash payment, on the Outcrop and Outler claims, described in the 1924 report, if given a guarantee of work in the Spring. Hand specimens of the ore range from

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pure galena down to 20%.
upset price probably
\$75,000 or less, payable
out of production.

Light aerial trams
from a few hundred feet
to 2 miles long are used
to bring ore down to the
valleys and take material
up, and the various
creeks are fairly well
supplied with roads. The
Paradise Mine uses a 3-
ton truck; the others use
teams.

A scheme worth
looking into next year, I
believe, would be the
acquisition of a number of
these small properties, with
a view to building a
central loading platform
at the railway and the
employment of sufficient
teams or trucks to keep
the roads open the year
round. The B.C. Gov't.
will usually go half
in any road building
necessary.

John Burman claims to have a wide lead, showing up to 2,000 oz. Ag, with grey Cu and lead, on Boulder Creek, near the White Bat. It is 9,000 - 10,000 ft. up, and could not be seen till late May.

NOTE

I am crowded to the limit for time, and cannot now set out the report on the White Bat.

Mr H. J. Harding said this at Banff: -

He (Harding) gave Mr. Knott five months ago a verbal option on the White Bat property, upset price \$ 166,000^{xx}. Five thousand to be paid in six months, or, on Dec. 12th 1925. He (Harding)

feels himself bound by this verbal agreement, and likewise he would want similar terms from any other purchaser. He did not mention any indebtedness,

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This lack of frankness on
his part and the somewhat
tangled nature of his
company's affairs, make me
think it would be a good
thing to leave alone, for
the present at least.

I will send on
report, smelter returns, and
samples in a day or
so, as soon as I can
get them in order. In
the meantime you could either
turn the property down, or
get a definite statement of
terms from Harding and
Knott. It might be well
to leave the way open
for future negotiations.

Respectfully,
V. A. James.