

HEDLEY GOLD

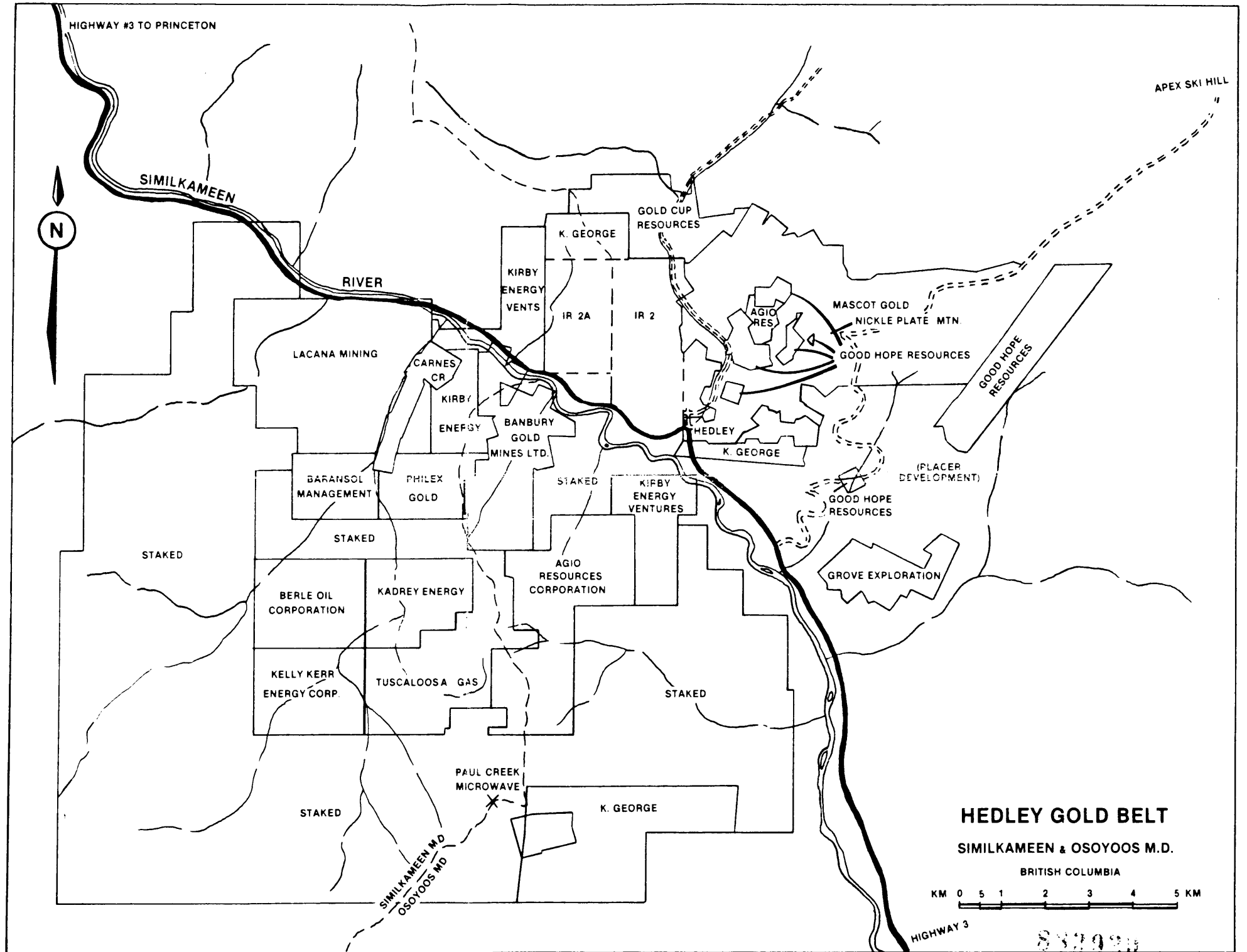
As you step out the front door of the Nickel Plate Cafe you can see the ruins of the former Nickel Plate Mill, and the surface tramway (now power poles) that brought the ore from the mine (Nickel Plate Mtn.), some two miles away and four thousand feet higher in elevation. If you look even closer, about two miles up Twenty Mile Creek and near the top of the cliffs, you can see the remains of "Mascot Mines" bunkhouse. From here an aerial tram transported ore to another mill on the valley floor.

The history of Hedley Gold Camp dates from August 1897, when Peter Scott came in from the Slocan Silver Camp, British Columbia, and located the "Rollo" claim. More claims were located the next year and ore specimens from these properties were bonded by Marcus Daly and New York capital to form the "Yale Mining Company".

By 1904 Yale had started production with an open pit mine and forty stamps and a large cyanide mill and power house.

The mine ran almost continuously until 1955 when it was closed and the machinery removed. During the intervening years, about four million tons of ore was milled containing about two million ounces of gold, two hundred thousand ounces of silver and one half million pounds of copper.

On the other side of the sheet is a 1984 "claims" map of the area. During the era of the former operators, gold was selling for \$20 - \$35 an ounce. Now with the much higher price and some promoters like Murray Pezim in the area, Hedley may be on the brink of another gold rush. *There's a lot more gold in them thar hills.*



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