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1924, p. 45

Prior to 1910 - consid. devel.

- orig. staked June 1908 by Alex. McLeod of Van.
- 148 E.G.
- 6 miles from Hutze Inlet
- tram built - 5 miles. ~ 1908

owners: Martin & Shannon

1925, p. 66

- bonded by E.W. Scully + later - Hutze R. Mines - capitalized for \$10,000 of 1000 shares - head office in Van.
- camp + tramline - rehabilitated.

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- owned by Revenue Mining Co. Ltd. (option from Martin & Shannon)
- incorporated May 6, 1926 - Van. - cap. \$500,000 divided into 500,000 shares @ \$1 par a share.

Prior to 1910 - standard-gauge light railway from Hedewater up 2½ miles.

- camp built - trail + ladders + ropes.
- Granodiorite + Qtz (+py + cpy + chalcocite) veins.
- veins dip into hills. - 2 ft. to 5 ft. wide
- Assays: - chalcocite - up to \$63 gold/ton; 8 g/t Ag + 47% Cu.
- leached chalcocite - \$74 Au/ton; 1.5 g/t Ag; 12% Cu.
- heavily pyritized Qtz. (+cpy) = \$764 Au/ton; 14.8 g/t Ag; 6.5% Cu.
- heavily py. (no cpy) = \$88 Au/ton; 2.6 g/t Ag; 1% Cu.
- North Star - 2000 ft. long.

1927 - turned over to C.G. Bush - Detroit Western Syndicate

- build railway; ^{narrow gauge (5 miles)} tram; permanent camp + 4/6 devel. for next season.
- railway - 20 lb steel on the ties (partly replacing earlier 2½ mile rail)

- max. grade of railway ^{up valley} - 2% + down - 1%
 - 3000 ft. aerial tram partly constr.
 - Camp: - bunkhouse (32'x100'), cookhouse (66'x24'), warehouse (28'x58')
 - all lumber for ties + bldgs. cut on ground.
- Crew of 56 to 60 men employed during summer.

- 1928 - Detroit + Delaware (USA) individuals
- Union Steamship boat called regularly at Khetze Inlet since early part of 1928 (others at Butedale - ^{15 mi})
 - main camp - 4 1/2 miles from beach; 2nd camp near showings (a 1/2 mile further)
 - accom. for 100 men.
 - > tram built ~~during~~ winter of '27-'28.
 - 100 tons ore mined during summer + u/c expl.
 - new workings on west side of ck.
 - up to 5 ft. wide
 - 125 tons mined along 15-20 ft. section.
 - CPX

- 1929 - small shipment of ore + work 'til Sept. in shaft.
- begin. of Nov. - operations closed - only watchman.
 - "looks like end!"

- 1931 - incline shaft dewatered + cont'd for '16 ft. + X-cut for 138 ft. driven.
- 24" of high grade.
 - crew of 12 men - closed Aug 31st.