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Westmin is in the process of closing down their Port Alberni office, suggesting a bleak outlook for the Debbie project in 1991.

- **Tay Gold:**

Dalmation Resources has filed notice of a small drill program to further test a swarm of gold-bearing quartz veins on its Tay claims on the Taylor River west of Port Alberni. No work had started by month-end due to difficulty in securing funding.

- **New Privateer:**

Zeballos
The mill at the Privateer mine, Zeballos, is operational again and there is a supply of broken ore on hand. The mill had to be re-built after collapsing under heavy snow last winter. They will start producing gold as soon as a permit is received for the tailings disposal facility. When they achieve a cash flow from the mill, mining of more ore underground will resume.

- **Lois:**

Gold Leaf Ventures has reported the start of a trenching program on its Lois property, although no Notice of Work has been filed (Jorge Alvarez has been informed). The property is located between Port Alice and Brooks Peninsula and is reported to have gold and base metals associated with breccias in felsic volcanics (regionally mapped as Bonanza Group).

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- **Tsable River Coal:**

Western Canadian Mining Corporation has started drilling at the Tsable River coal licenses near Fanny Bay. A total of 5000 metres (28 holes) of large-diameter diamond drilling is planned with a budget of \$560,000. Work should continue until about mid-January.

- **Murex:**

Better Resources has optioned the Murex part of its Mt. Washington gold property to Hilton Resource Corp. The Murex ground was previously optioned and dropped by Noranda.