

this group of mineral claims during the past summer, had just broken up his camp and left, having finished his work previous to the arrival of the writer, who met him en route to Skagway. From him it was learned that none of the owners were in Rainy Hollow; also that the work done was restricted to regulation assessment-work. For these and the further reason that storms had covered much of the higher levels with snow, this group of claims was not examined.

In addition to the mineral claims described and mentioned in this report, there are about thirty other locations in the Rainy Hollow ramp, some of which have been Crown-granted, but, as none of the owners were on the ground, and from the most reliable information obtainable the conditions with regard to mineralization were similar to the properties examined, which are considered the most promising in the camp, the writer concluded his work, as the weather was most unfavourable, and returned to Haines.

The impressions that prevail in one's mind after examining carefully the conditions of the Rainy Hollow ramp are that without railway connections for transporting ore, machinery, and supplies, the future of the ramp is not very promising. The owners of the properties are men of small means unable to stand the cost of development-work while, on the other hand, unless sufficient tonnage of ore is available to furnish freight it will be very difficult to enlist capital into the enterprise of building a railroad; so that a deadlock exists which up to the present time has been impassable, although four different organizations have attempted to float a company to construct a railroad, about forty miles of which would be in United States territory and about twelve miles in Canadian territory.

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