

The Island Copper Deposits

A Victorian Scientifically Reviews Details of Nearby Mineral Lodes.

Unique Characteristics in Many Cases Associated With These Prospects.

W. M. Brewer, in Engineering and Mining Journal.

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During the past few months the writer has been engaged in examining the various outcrops on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and their copper content.

Usually this solid sulphide ore carries low values in gold. Probably an average of \$2 per ton would be fairly representative.

Although the outcrops of magnetite are usually quite persistent in length, especially in the case of the outcrops in the igneous dikes, yet the writer has failed to find any instance where the lodes can be traced for any considerable distance.

Usually when the outcrops are found on the contact between the crystalline limestone and igneous rocks, they are not traced as readily along the line of strike as when they occur in fissures.

The writer has observed several places where the outcrop of magnetite iron ore occurs in the crystalline limestone.

So far as the grade of the various outcrops is concerned, there is but little, if any, difference between those occurring on the igneous rocks, on the contact or in the limestone.

The belt of country in which the crystalline limestone and the igneous rocks occur forms a very interesting geological feature.

Smelting In Montana.

The Enormous Waste Attending Present Methods of Treating Ores.

Modern Plant to Save Half Million Annually to One Owner.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 7.—The tourist who journeys from Spokane to Butte in a Northern Pacific palace car is borne for nearly an hour along the shores of Pend d'Oreille lake.

An imaginary line, drawn from Saanich Inlet, on the southeast coast of the Island, northward, passing along the head of the Alberca Canal, and thence to the northwest coast of Quatino Sound, would practically mark the divide.

CLINTON. In Clinton, Oct. 7.—The town of Clinton is situated 32 miles north of Ashcroft, in Cut-off valley in the Lillooet district.

Mrs. Marshall, of the Smith & Marshall house, is another of the old standbys of the place.

All the freight for the Cariboo country has to be carried through the town. Freight wagons are somewhat "snugglers" to the Cariboo road; they come in by the wagon road, with their large boxes covered and drawn by oxen.

During the past twenty years the miners of Montana have been using the river to transport their ores to the coast.

TABLE I. Showing Anaconda Copper Product and its Cost.

TABLE II. Showing Anaconda Copper Product at Normal Costs, and Improved Concentrating and Smelting.

This statement shows that the great Montana property has been run like France under the second empire.

School Board In Session

North Ward Teachers Protest Against Prizes for Competitive Work.

The Deaf Mute Proposition—Teacher Appointed—A New Janitor.

Briefly, there came up in the way of business at the regular meeting of the board of school trustees last evening.

Trustee Belyea, in moving the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. W. J. Grant, referred to the resignation of Mr. W. J. Grant, who had been appointed as janitor for Hillside school.

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