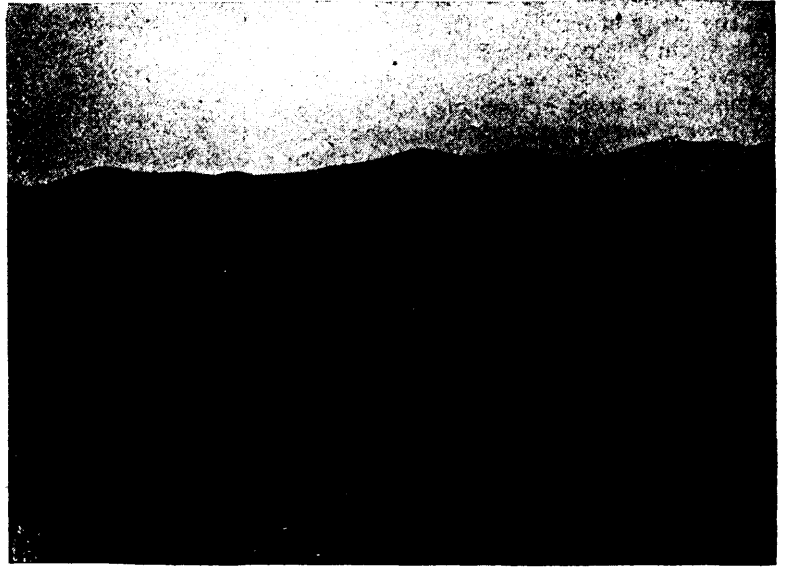


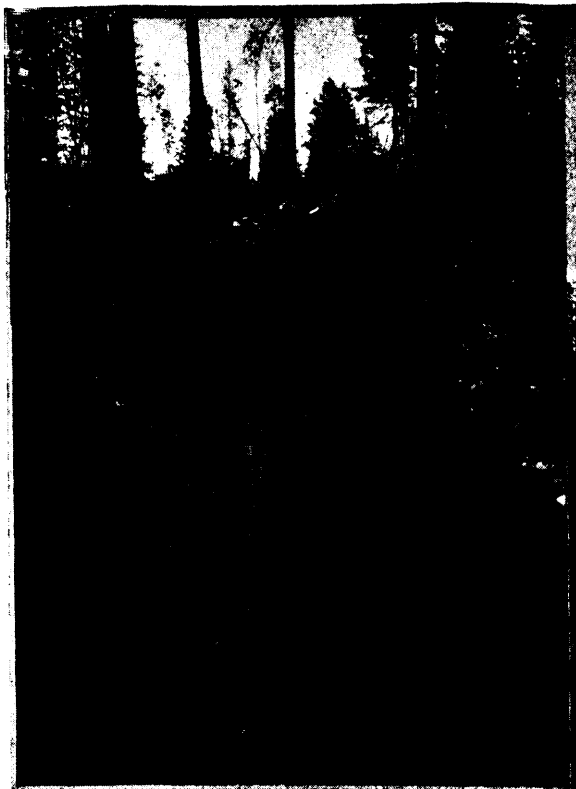
in the old days used to collect their outfits have been found specimens of very rich copper ore, which apparently they sometimes picked up in hunting for stray horses or cattle. Curiously enough the sources of this copper ore were not discovered until the "Triumph" and "Velvet" were opened up. Yet these two mines had nothing to do with what first attracted prospectors to Sophie Mountain. Running north and south, and running far into the Reservation is an immense fissure vein of quartz, showing in places a very satisfactory outcrop of sulphide ore, and in spots rich pockets of free gold ore. In the early days the fame of this vein was carried into Trail, and Messrs E. S. Topping and L. Mulholland sent out a prospector to stake it on the Canadian side of the boundary line. In those days the Reservation was not open. Staked it was, and called the "Sophie." A good deal of work was done. One of our illustrations shows a cut on this vein now called the "Victory" vein, which brings out its enormous size, though not the fact that this cut discloses a big outcrop of sulphide ore. But what could anyone do with sulphide ore in those days? So

promptly started a law suit. But when the case came up for trial it was found there was no claim at all, as it had been jumped before it ran out. "Jeff"



VIEW FROM "VICTORY-TRIUMPH" DUMP.

and his partner Jeldness burst out of court and made a race for Sophie Mountain and located the ground as the "Victory," to correspond with the "Triumph" they had previously located as an extension. In 1896, late in the fall, company promoting was at its height in Rossland, and the "Victory" and "Triumph" were incorporated, with Lewis and Jeldness as the principal shareholders.



"TRIUMPH" EAST VEIN—SURFACE CUT.

the claim was abandoned. This cut has never been touched since the old days, but a long tunnel has been run to develop the vein beneath it, and it is in this tunnel that the main ore bodies of the "Victory" mine are found.

Some time after it was abandoned Jeff Lewis, of Rossland, re-located the claim. But the history of this much handled piece of property was not over. The claim was jumped by a man supposed to do and record the assessment work. Against him "Jeff"



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