

The "West End," during its early bonding period, produced magnificent results in ore, even under the very worst conditions as regards transportation and accessibility, but it was not until 1888 that anything like even partially opening up a portion of the claim was seriously contemplated. During that year work was resumed on the property, camps erected, pumps and hoists installed and development work carried on to a greater or less extent. In April of the following year several hundred feet of drifting and sinking had been done, and two shafts had been sunk at intervals of 500 to 600 odd feet apart. The main shaft had rich ore continuously from the surface. No. 2 shaft had also rich ore from near the surface, and the first adit level had a rich ore body that assayed as high as 3,000 to 18,000 ounces in silver to the ton.

The Canadian Northern Railway (Duluth Branch) now runs directly through the Silver region, and a very cheap rate of freight obtained for merchandise and supplies to the different mines, while ore and concentrates are very cheaply transported to the smelters.

In a word, the "West End" of Silver Mountain has produced approximately in the short time that it has been operated 350,000 ounces of silver, and when opened up to connect with the upper and lower adit levels of the "East End Mine," will but commence the brightest and most interesting page in the history of silver mining in this district.