

Analysis of specimen of native platinum from Granite reef, British Columbia, cont.

and which was found to be magneti-polar, contained but 9·35 per cent. of iron, a difference of only 0·45 per cent.

The weights of the material constituting the sub-portions having been added together, as likewise the amounts of each of the several constituents found in these sub-portions, calculation showed the composition of this ore—after careful separation of the associated grains of foreign matter—taken as a whole, as determined upon the 17·894 grams material, to be as follows:—

Platinum .....	72·07
Palladium .....	0·19
Rhodium .....	2·57
Iridium .....	1·14
Osmium .....	—
Copper .....	3·39
Iron .....	8·59
Osmiridium .....	10·51
Gangue (imbedded chromite) .....	1·69
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In common with the native platinum of Oregon and Australia, this ore contains a large proportion of osmiridium, but differs from the material of those localities in that it contains a higher percentage of copper and iron, in which regard it more nearly approaches in composition to some Russian specimens of this mineral.

The following analyses of platinum ores, by Deville and Debray, are given for comparison with the foregoing, from which, it must be remembered, the associated gold was separated prior to analysis:—

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Platinum .....	51·45	61·40	85·50	86·20	76·40
Palladium .....	0·15	1·80	0·60	0·50	1·40
Rhodium .....	0·65	1·85	1·00	1·40	0·30
Iridium .....	0·40	1·10	1·05	0·85	4·30
Copper .....	2·15	1·10	1·40	0·60	4·10
Iron .....	4·30	4·55	6·75	7·80	11·70
Gold .....	0·85	1·20	0·80	1·00	0·40
Osmiridium .....	37·30	16·00	1·10	0·95	0·50
Sand .....	3·00	1·20	2·95	0·95	1·40
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	100·25	100·20	101·15	100·25	100·50

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