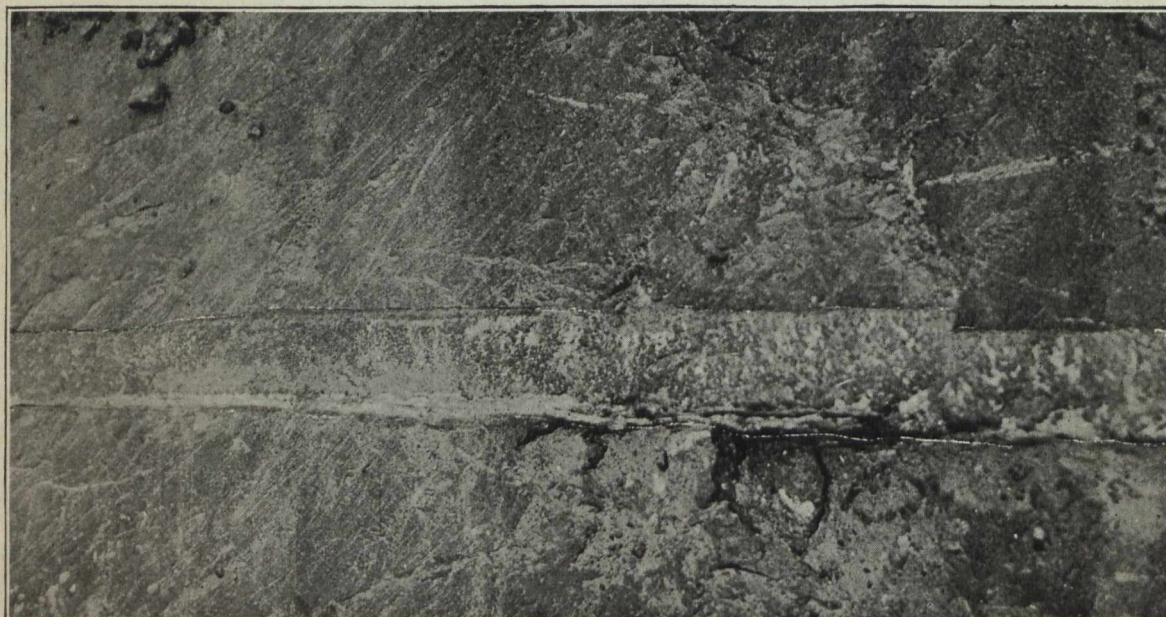


THE DRAINING OF KERR LAKE DISCLOSES RICH ORE.

The water has been completely pumped out of Kerr Lake, and the machinery is now being used to remove the mud from the bottom of the Lake. Already the southern slope of the lake basin has been explored by trenches dug through the mud to the rock bottom. The result of this exploration on the property of the Kerr Lake Mining Company has been the exposure of some of the most remarkable veins yet found in the Cobalt district.

For nearly the whole length of the property there are good showings where the mud has been removed. Of the hundreds of feet of trenching, hardly any has been unsuccessful in uncovering veins. The most important veins run along the slope of the basin, parallel with the shore. Cross trenches were dug at frequent intervals, and it was found that the veins which had been worked underground are much richer at the surface than in the workings.

In addition to the rich ore disclosed in the known veins, some entirely new veins have been discovered. The showings rival anything that has been seen at Cobalt.



A Rich Silver Vein on the Glaciated Rock Bottom of Kerr Lake.

The result of the lowering of the Lake, has been to very materially increase the known reserves of the ore on the Kerr Lake mining property. The adjoining property, that of the Crown Reserve, is still covered by a layer of mud. This mud is being pumped out as quickly as possible by mixing it with water. Up-to-date, however, it has not been possible to prospect the Crown Reserve portion of the lake bed.

COLLIERIES CASE.

The Privy Council to-day allowed the appeal of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, vs. Dunsmuir, and dismissed the cross-appeal. These actions were concerned with the construction of an option to purchase mining property on Vancouver Island.

The case involved more than a million dollars and was quite a celebrated action in the British Columbia courts. Following the sale of the collieries by Mr. Dunsmuir, a natural delay occurred in the delivery of

the property and both parties laid claim to the receipts during this interval. The buyers also claimed several coal-carrying steamers, which Mr. Dunsmuir alleged were not included in the deal. A question also arose over the current bank account, most of which was exhausted just before the transfer took place by the declaration of a dividend, naturally in favor of the former owner.

THE HOSMER MINE.

It has been announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., which for a number of years has been developing coal measures at Hosmer, in the Crows Nest Pass district of British Columbia, has definitely decided to abandon its coal mines there. That this decision has been arrived at is evident, for the dismantling of the plant has already been commenced. As there is little, if anything, else to support the business of Hosmer, the result will be the practical wiping out of that small town as well. The broken condition of much of the coal in the several seams opened by the Hosmer Mines, Ltd., under which company name the C.P.R. has been operating here, mining coal and making coke, is the chief reason for the final decision to

abandon further attempts to continue work there, notwithstanding that a large sum of money has been expended in developing and equipping the mines and coke-making plant. Hosmer is distant from Fernie (the headquarters in British Columbia of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., which has for 16 years operated the Coal Creek and Michel collieries) in one direction eight miles, and from Michel in the other 14 miles. Some years ago the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. abandoned its Carbonado colliery, near Morrissey, ten miles south of Fernie and 18 from Hosmer, so the latter is the second place in the district at which important coal-mining operations have proved unprofitable.

McINTYRE.

Foundations for an enlargement to the McIntyre mill are now being constructed. An additional tube mill will be placed in the present building and several tanks will be erected in an adjoining building.