

The Badger Mine

The Badger Mine, consisting of Mining Locations 201 T and part of 200 T, contains 200 acres, and joins the Porcupine and Keystone above described. From the Fall of 1887 until the close of that year, in addition to the erection of camp buildings, about one hundred feet of drifting was done, during which initial work, an unusually rich body of silver was encountered. Up to the end of March, 1889, the work consisted chiefly of sinking a shaft 280 feet; over 2,000 feet of drifting and 100 feet of winzes and air shafts were also carried out, besides some stoping between the first and second levels, where extremely rich ore was struck, some of which assayed over 19,000 ounces of silver to the ton. Up to April 1st, 1889, about \$65,000 had been expended, and \$267,000 worth of silver taken from the mine. An average of thirty men were employed, and the surface buildings, shaft house, shops, stables, officers' quarters, rock house, and a complete stamp mill with a daily capacity of thirty tons were completed.

The Mine is situated well within the centre of what has been termed the "Silver Constellation," and the general character and strike of the veins correspond very closely with the Porcupine veins.

The Keystone

The Keystone was until the construction of the new colonization road and spur thereto, via Badger and Porcupine, not quite so accessible as its immediate neighbors, and preliminary and other work of development carried on there was done in a quiet way. The Keystone has an area of 160 acres of splendidly wooded land, and has three veins upon it, known as Nos. 1, 2 and 3, upon which the development work up to date consists of drifting 325 feet in first level on No. 1, and about 330 feet of sinking and drifting on No. 2. Vein No. 1 is a most pronounced one, and its ores are rich in native silver. Veins 2 and 3 have produced some of the richest native silver that was as remarkable for its variety and beauty as anything yet brought to light in this or any other known district. It is estimated that about 20,000 ounces of silver in the smelting ore were extracted from the different workings, while at least 950 to 1,000 tons of milling ore remain upon the dumps, all of which shows rich in silver.