

EXTRACTS from Second Report of Mr. R. C. Campbell-Johnston, M. E., after completion of development work on the property of the British Columbia Anthracite Syndicate, on the Skeena River, B. C. in 1911.

To

The British Columbia Anthracite Syndicate

Head Office, Hochelaga Bank Building

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GENTLEMEN:—

“It is just one year ago, namely, in November, 1910, after the writer’s first trip on to your coal-lands, located near the headwaters of the Skeena River, that he handed you a report relating to the data at the time obtainable, as to the geology occurrence of coal, with its quality and quantity to date known, and other information gathered, as to the advisability of undertaking the development of this field. He told you that in his judgment this one could be made “the largest colliery with the highest grade coal on the Pacific Coast.” (See conclusions: Page 34.)

At that period, this was his matured professional judgment, based on the details at hand after a careful examination of property, as an experienced mining engineer. Your Syndicate afterwards put full confidence in his assertions and conclusions, provided all the funds which he asked for to explore and develop the property, and engaged him to go back this summer at the head of a very large expedition, to make good his words by actual proofs, substantiation, and the opening up of the seams.

In this second report now handed to you, it is shewn that the hopes then expressed and the optimism originally felt, have both, as conceptions, fallen far short of actual facts now proven to exist in situ.

These same facts are vouched for, and corroborated by Mr. James McEvoy, B.A.Sc., late Geologist and Chief Engineer of the Crow’s Nest Pass Coal Company; and also Mr. Geoffrey Francis Monckton, Fellow Geological Society of London; and again by Mr. G. S. Malloch, of the Geological Survey of Canada, Department of Mines, Ottawa, who is embodying the items concerning your property into the Government Report of Progress for this year, with