

a little quartz and barytes. The only metallic matter observed in this vein was iron-pyrites and a little zinc but in its general characters it closely resembles the silver-bearing veins of the region. Portions were with much difficulty obtained from two of the other veins, which presented similar characters. No silver was detected in the very limited examinations which were possible of these veins, but it is to be remembered that the precious metal is so distributed in most of the other veins that large portions of the veinstone show no evidence of its presence, and that, even in that of Silver Islet, as already remarked, the metal is not distributed throughout its length, but confined to a small portion.

I conclude, therefore, that the large and well-defined veins on Thompson's Island are eminently worthy of a trial, and that there is no locality in this region where the union of so many veins offers such chances of success as this Island. The adjacent Islands, McKellar's, Jarvis and Victoria Islands, with, I believe, but a single known vein each, are now the object of explorations on a large scale, and Thompson's Island may be said to offer a four-fold chance of finding a profitable silver vein. I therefore recommend to your Company, in concert with the Silver Islet Company, to make a thorough trial of the location. It will be easy to open the most southern vein, from the shore, and the boat-harbor near by, on the west side of the Island, will be found to offer facilities for erecting buildings, and will serve as a