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"The galena-bearing veins which cut the green schistose and serpentinite rocks present to the eye a generally similar appearance to those found in the shale and argillite series, except of course for the absence of the associated pockets of ore mentioned in connection with the calcareous bands.

"What may prove an interesting discovery was reported late in the season from the Whitewater basin, some prospectors having brought in specimens of quartz which, according to local assayers, averaged very high in gold. No further particulars are, however, available, as the intended visit to the place was prevented by the advent of the snow. It raises hopes, however, that these schistose rocks which resemble lithologically the gold-bearing Huronian of Eastern Canada may prove even richer in this respect than the latter, especially when the much stronger evidences of complete mineralization found here are considered.

"Assuming then that, in actual working, the ores should be found in shipping lots to maintain their high content of silver, which would seem probable in most cases, a bright future may be predicted for this district if those interested will only observe and act on the financial and economic principles necessary to success.

"The completion of the wagon road from Kaslo into the centre of the district will be of great value in the working of the mines and the existence of smelters in Canadian territory at Pilot Bay, Revelstoke and Golden will doubtless prove of great assistance when a continuous supply of ore shall be forthcoming.

"The projected railroads to give connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Revelstoke, and from the Stocan divide to Kaslo, will doubtless be constructed when the veins are worked on a more extensive scale.

"The assays made of selected specimens collected during the season show the following general results:—

"In the Illecillewaet district four assays of galena from different points varied between 18 cz. and 73 cz. of silver per ton, the pyritous ores of copper being found, in the one sample assayed, to carry silver also.

"The galenas of the Fish River sub-district gave results running from 39 to 318 cz. of silver per ton. A sample of the "ochreous" material locally called "carbonates" showed 692 oz., and some of the zinc-blende nearly 6 cz. of silver per ton.

"The assays of galena from the various veins in the Kaslo-Stocan district resulted as below:—For those occurring in green schistose and dioritic series of rocks, six assays gave results ranging from 38 to 146 cz. per ton, averaging over 90 cz. One assay of a specimen of zinc-blende showed silver to the extent of 26 oz. In the same district the galenas from veins occurring in the black argillite series of rocks averaged in some thirty-one assays 150 cz. per ton, ranging from 30 cz. to 520 cz. per ton. Assays of zinc-blende returned from 26 oz. to 73 cz. per ton. The ochreous 'carbonates' occurring with the galena yielded very variable amounts of silver, the lowest return being 20 cz., the highest 1,630 cz. per ton. This great discrepancy is due to this ore being a mechanical mixture only, which is often enriched by secondary deposition of native silver and the richer silver minerals. In the whole series of assays made, numbering some sixty-five in all, gold was absent, except for mere traces found in three cases.

"The ton referred to is that of 2,000 lbs. For further details see the forthcoming report of the Chemical Branch of the Department.

"The cinnabar deposit, on the north shore of Kamloops Lake, near the mouth of Copper Creek, about six miles from the western end of the lake, was visited on the 26th of October.

"Here, owing to the recentness of the discovery, the work done on the veins has not been extensive, consisting only of shots and shallow pits on the outcroppings. The area visited was covered by the Rossbush Claim, in which several spar and quartz veins are to be seen, averaging about a foot or so in width; on these, at a number of points, very encouraging showings of ore have been exposed, justifying the hope that still better results might be achieved by extensive developments. The cinnabar itself occurs in such a manner in the gangue in ribs, etc., that by hand-picking a high grade of ore can be easily selected, and no difficulty was found in procuring handsome specimens for the museum.

"At the coal mines at Anthracite, Canmore and Lethbridge work was proceeding much as usual, but there was no time to make any close study in what necessarily had to be a more preliminary visit.

"For similar reasons at Rat Portage nothing more could be done than to ascertain in a general way the operations of the year and to become acquainted with persons willing to give us information later. Whilst no mining proper was being done, several of the chief companies were erecting small mills to work their ores. The custom reduction works near the town itself had been idle for some time, owing, it is said, to the inadequacy of the plant to properly extract the metals from the ores of the district.

"Mr. White gives particulars as follows of the work he prosecuted for the division in the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Mining District:

"The past summer was spent in completing the information for the map of the Kingston and Pembroke Mining District commenced last year. As the surveys of the older townships are very inaccurate, it was deemed advisable to run a few tie lines across the lower part of the sheet. Chained traverses were therefore carried across from the vicinity of Kingston to Perth and from Sydenham to Westport. All roads not on existing maps were surveyed with odometer and compass. The mines and openings in the southern part of Frontenac county and northern part of Leeds county were examined and their position fixed with regard to the side lines and end lines of the lots on which they are situated.

"The low price of phosphate and mica has temporarily checked mining and exploration in this section. The only mines at present operating are the Opinicon and Nicholson mines in phosphate and the Webster, Foxton & Sterling in mica.

"The outline of the edge of the Cambrian and Cambro-Silurian rocks