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MEMOIR 31 - WHEATON DISTRICT 1912

DD CAIRNES

- Au - Ag Vns
Sb - Ag Vns
Ag - Pb Vns

Contact Meta

M.C.

- Hawkeye GP
- Acme M.C.
- Buffalo Hump
- McDonald Fraction
- Silver Queen, Gopher
- TALLY HO GP
- Rip, WOLF MC
- GOLD REEF
- LEGAL TENDER
- Lucky Boy
- GODDELL'S MC
- PORTER GP
- CHIEFTAIN HILL
- UNION MINES
- NEVADA MINES
- FLEMMING

- occur NW belt 9 miles x 10 miles, majority of deposits in 2 mile wide belt Mt Stevens, Wheaton mtn, Tally Ho mtn, ~~Wheaton~~ Mt Anderson & Mineral Hill (extends to similar belt under Arroyo district)
- others on Mt Anderson ^{RIP & WOLF MC} & Red ridge (W & E of 2 mile belt)
- general strike N to belt (N to Coast Range Mtns), are steeply inclined dip E 60-90°
- in Coast Range Int., also Mt Stevens group (schistose) chloritic over Sh & greenstone Sh (Juel)
- in granitic rx are as fissure fillings consistent in strike, thickness, comp for considerable distances, are 4-5 feet wide over 3000 (+) ft. (Mt And.) vary from inches to 8 ft, up to 1500 ft, average in G 3-4 feet
- vns in Sh mineral lenses between foliation & as irregular fissures (if connected to lenses), dips vary to SW
- are lenses ave. width 6-8 feet, 20-40 ft long, (Acme MC one vns 100 x 30' x 100'), traced as succession of lenses & fissures for 1000'

= best vns: McDonald Fracture 2 ft thick
 Legal Tender (Mineral Hill) (3-3 1/2 ft thick); drusy vns (Tally Ho) has drusy vns
 Silver Queen (Wheaton Mtn) (3 ft thick)
 Sunrise (Mt Stevens) (max 7 ft, average < 3 ft thick)

- All in Coast Range Intrusive
 Faulting - displacement along fissures in Sh & Int v slight (inches - 3 ft)
 - slickensides, gouge & (Tally Ho) bx

Origin - all fissures are along E side Granitic batholith
 (in Granitic rd) - most N E edge of batholith
 - all dip NE, away from Int Centre
 - simple system of fissures, no cross fissuring, N general regional structure
 likely due to Tension due to ① batholith cooling
 ② uplift of New Gulcon
 in late Jurassic, plus volc activity, Coast Range batholith intrusion

- vns in Sh same origin as vns in Granitic R_x

Fissure FILLINGS

- mainly q, massive crypto-crystalline (Sh) up to coarse drusy (both in G)
- drusy q Legal Tender, Tally Ho vns
- minor calcite
- metallic minerals minor, but where abundant rough alignment || to walls but not such in Sh (irregular)
- Galena most abundant, occurs in alleg dominates in MacDonald Fracture & Tally Ho for limited distances i.e. pockets few feet long up to ?
finely crystalline to coarse euhedral
- Py, Po, Sphalerite, dis, rare
- Tellurides, Gold Reef MC (Gold Hill), Buffalo Hump Gr (Mt Stevens)
 - ✓ in pockets many lead up to 900 lbs, rare
 - principal Telluride = Sylvanite^{(Au, Ag)₇₀}; also hessite, petzite, Telluric Ochre as weathering product
 - Sylvanite 62.1% Te, 24.5% Au, 13.4% Ag
 - Petzite Ag/Au 3:1
 - Microscopic Free Gold with Tellurides, primary & oxidation product of Tellurides, in pockets on Gold Reef, in angular q float near Mt Stevens summit source not found → (on Buffalo Hump - galena, dis, Au & Sylvanite)

Selected Assays: MacDonald Fracture, Tally Ho, Sunrise, Rip, Legal Tender
820-820 ppm Au & Ag
- gold considerably in excess of Ag

- zone of vein oxidation shallow, no appreciable economic effect (unoxidized minerals at +30 ft), no surface enrichment zone due to weathering
- clay ser 1/4"-1" gouge on walls some vns
- Tally Ho - only Au Ag vns & considerable bx
 - fault zone 4-12 ft thick bx & gouge, vns q between bx frags
- Vns:
 - : late Jurassic or later earlier than Cretaceous or eT
 - : probably assoc & granitic rx that they cut
 - : little metamorphic alt assoc. of wall rocks
 - : Granitic rx slightly bleached to lt. gy-whitish, softer, few inches up to 2-3 ft
 - : Sh - no apparent alteration
- No minerals characteristic of 'deeper vein zone, lack of pneumatolytic vein minerals as Au, Ag vns belong to upper vein zone

Tellurides upper & deeper vein zones so possible

Au-Ag Vn Properties (not all mentioned in report)

MT STEVENS : Hawk Eye Gp - 2 vns in chl & ser Sh
(Wheaton River slp) - 20" & 3-4' thick
- q galena, sp

: Acme - largest lenticular q lens in Wheaton district
(Mtn top) max 30 ft wide, +100 ft long
- in chl & ser Sh
- most only q, some parts c galena, py

: Buffalo Hump - ① short transported q float, diss galena, free Au, Sylvanite
(N end of mtn) ② q vn E Galena, Native Au, in G
ave 2:3 ft thick, max 7, 50 ft min

WHEATON Mtn : McDonald Fraction - q vn 313°/NE near vertical, in G
(W edge) - well mineralized argentiferous Galena
sometimes dominates vn material, occasionally distinctly
banded, massive, others drusy
- encouraging Au, Ag

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SILVER QUEEN, GORMEA ① q vn in G, 3 ft thick, Galena, py
(near McDonald Fraction) ② Irregular q lens in greenstone Sh, max 7' thick
scattered Galena, encouraging Au, Ag

TALLY Ho GULCH & VICINITY : TALLY Ho Gp - ore in bx'd fault zone 4-12 ft thick, ore q vn
(W end Wheaton Mtn) along fault, in G, NW strike dips E 60-70°
- clayey gouge 1/4-1" thick, also seams
through by frags fine to 10", cemented by fine grounds
c v minor (varies) q, qvn 260 ft long 6-20"
wide max 36"
- argentiferous Galena in q, lead carbonate
- Assays \$9-80 / ton Au & Ag ave \$20 / lb
- other vns, some c 6-8" diameter solid Galena

MT ANDERSON : RIP, WOLF MC - q vn in G, 292° dip 80° NE, strong, well defined
(E side Becker Cr, W side Mtn) min length 3000 ft, cut by Sg B dy
- argentiferous Galena, better mineralized
portions of qvn \$20-40 / ton Au & Ag

GOLD HILL & VICINITY : GOLD REEF - qvn 305° dip 50-60° SW, in greenstone Sh
(Gold Hill) ave width 4-5 ft, min vertical distance 1000'
- minor py, packets Native Au Sylvanite, hessite,
petzite, tellurite schre, man's head size to 600 lbs, Au is
secondary; except for packets minor Au, Ag

: LEGAL TENDER - qvn strikes NW, dip near vertical, drusy q
(N side Mineral Hill) argentiferous galena, diss, fine crystalline;
minor sp, diss; sometimes banded; \$30-40 / ton Au & Ag
: Lucky Boy - q mass in Mt Stevens Sh, Chalcocite, malachite
(E side Mineral Hill) strikes NW
- not much known

(Chietain & Carson Hills)

ANTIMONY - SILVER VEINS

- limited to westerly trending belt $1\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ miles; not known if extends further
- occur in Jurassic Coast Range Granitic rx, Chietain Hill A, Ac & B or late Cretaceous or E T
- richer Ag ores chiefly in G.D.
- strike $263^\circ - 308^\circ$, most \perp dip, on Porter Gp dip NW at $50^\circ - 55^\circ$
- Goddell's claim vs traceable for 2000 ft, rest 200 ft or less
- widths vary 2" to 6 ft max found on Porter Gp 14 ft
- Faulting - slickensides present on some, $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$ " clayey selvage of Porter vs, displacement unknown ^(250') no surface evidence of movement, no br wallrock

Origin: Westerly strike not related to main structural features at district

- : Possibility two or more fissure systems based on strikes (cross)
- : Fissures in different formations are intimately related (one cause), field relations indicate synchronous origin
- likely due to Compression ^{mirror}

Mineralogy: Sb-Ag vns chiefly q, barite, calc, stibnite, Jamesonite, grey-copper, sph, argentiferous Galena, arsenopy, Sb-ochre

Gangue: q - drusy & massive barite, calcite granular, calcite euhedral

Metallic: Stibnite most common & abundant; almost all in Porter claims "big vein" Morning & Evening Mc vs Empire some vns extreme E end Carson hill vs

- : usually with sph, often & Jamesonite
- : those high in Sb usually low in Ag

- immural content varies considerably - chiefly stibnite to entirely q, galena, & grey copper (stibnite & galena Ag bearing)

- Arsenopy only on Goddell's claim

Assays: +500 g/t Ag (few results); ores \bar{c} grey copper & Galena 100-200 g/t Ag

: "big vein" Porter claims 50-65% Sb; ore sample 50.40 Ag, 31.40 % Pb, 12.75 % Sb & 0.20 Au

- none found (with more than a few \bar{c} in Au

Wall Rock Alt: wall rock slightly affected

Granitic rx: slightly bleached, more friable, max 2-3 ft

Clastics & A: less affected than Granitic rx

- both original rock types easily identified
- zone of oxidation shallow 4-5 ft of surface may be in part due to lack of py
- no surface enrichment

- Genesis: no deep vein type minerals
 : no pneumatolytic
 : mineral assemblage \Rightarrow upper vein zone
 Stibnite practically diagnostic of shallow vn deposits
 : account by all known igneous rx more recent than
 Chieftain Hill \therefore if due to igneous would likely be these
 ? 8 always in near Chieftain vokes
 ? 2 probable vn deposits in Granitic rx & cooled vokes
 while underlying magma (producing vokes $\leftarrow \rightarrow$) was still hot

Sb-Ag PROPERTIES

CARBON HILL Claims: Porter Gp - ① Porter, ② Empire, ③ EXCELSIOR MC.

② Vns in "Fe Lentic A, decomposed, bright reddish to yellowish, v. disintegrated, 6-10" masses of near solid stibnite assoc. with more or less sph, q, barite at 3 or 4 pts

- one vn q impregnated \bar{c} sph, Jamesonite
- several other vns 6" to 2ft thick as otc

① 6 vns in Jurassic granitic rx, parallel strikes strike, 283° Dip 50-55 NE

- 'big vn' 14" to 3ft thick, min 200ft, chiefly q & stibnite \bar{c} sph, Jamesonite, portions

- 12 to 14" almost pure stibnite; 50-60% Sb

- vn 5' below 'big vn', 6"-12" thick, similar not highly mineralized

- two other vns, 95 to 130 ft horizontal distance from 'big vn', 2" & 6" thick, q \bar{c} druse galena, grey Cu

- 500 oz Ag/t; 100 to 200 g/t Ag \bar{c} much galena & grey Cu

- most < 50 g/t Ag

- one sample 50.40 oz Ag, 31.40 Pb, 12.75 Sb, 80.20 Cu

③ GODDELL'S CLAIMS - 2 parallel vns, \bar{c} 20 to 30 ft apart, as otc

(Went on R slope Carbon Hill) in gulch; uphill for 2000 ft, in Jurassic 1 mile N. Porter MC. Granitic, 263° / near I

- chiefly q impregnated \bar{c} Jamesonite, arsenopy, 2" & 2 to 3 ft thick

④ CHIEFTAIN HILL MC - Morning & Evening MC: vn in a fissure in A (lg, greenish) 270° / near I

- min 100 ft long, 6" to 1 ft thick, max 5 ft

- across Chieftain Gulch 5 ft thick (2 ft external stibnite - 3 ft q, stibnite \bar{c} sph)

next from big vn
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SILVER-LEAD VEINS

- occur in northerly trending belt 1000 ft X 3000 ft, E face of Idaho Hill (Union Mines Gp), also do S on Nevada Gp
- similar deposit N face Mt. Folie
- majority on Union Mines Gp, 12 vns most ^{forward} centre of belt
- Nevada Mines Gp similar but less galena
- vns all in Hgy to pub gn, generally S₂, homogenous appearing feldspathic beds of Jura-Cretaceous Sabarg series (microscopically typical arkoses but some places \bar{c} considerable tuffaceous
- vns in general all follow Δ of clastic rx; majority vns 34P° 160-70° SW
- one very different but was short, in minor fracture
- many places vns are irregular \bar{c} indeterminate walls cut & embayed by ores, centres nearly all ore
- sudden widening \bar{c} to 10" then 3 or 4 ft; some regular 4 to 12" traceable 10 to 300 ft; en echelon structure probable in some cases
- one irregular area 12 ft X 20 ft with roughly 1/2' as ore
- in average section across centre of area 4 to 8 vns \bar{c} evenly spaced near ends of belt 2 or 3 vns in average

Faulting: no movement detected of vns walls, slicken sides, bx, selvage

: must have been a minor factor in ore space formation

GANGUE: ^{characteristically also clear} q massive; euhedral crystals, irregular distributed geodes or vugs characteristic of ores

calcite - plentiful in places (\bar{c} q); always massive & cleavable

METALLIC MINERALS: arsenopy, galena, sph, py, cp (& oxidation products)

Arsenopy: ^{most} intermingled \bar{c} ore minerals, ^{minor} & ^{occasional} ^{rare} rock fragments & solid ore masses

Galena: silver bearing, as steel-galena (mass belts), & euhedral (1/8")
: diss in gangue; alone; masses \bar{c} other metals
: assoc \bar{c} arsenopy

- both can occur as wall rock replacement

Sph: dk brown/bl; massive or foliated;

: as diss assoc. \bar{c} galena; occasional \bar{c} arsenopy & py

& scattered throughout q & cal.

Py: minor, occasional ^{cp} assoc.

- much wall rock inclusions, irregular, rounded edges; also fingers into ore (microscopic to several ft)

AGE - Lower or Lower Middle Cretaceous (fossils) in beds cut by vns

- believed genetically assoc \bar{c} Klusko Int-or Chiefain Hill vns formed after their consolidation \bar{c} late Cretaceous or T

OXIDIZED: more altered by surface waters than previously described vns types still v. little oxidation, due to more py

: vns somewhat porous some ores removed

GENESIS: vns follow bedding planes (general)

: lack of definition between walls & ore

: outline irregular, penetrate walls in various directions, X-cut structures & bx frags of wall rock

: ores secondary to country rock; q, cal, galena, arsenopy, sph, py, cp

: ore type deposited by solution bearing gases, & metals

- : ores require place/space to deposit
- : no movement ∴ not space from faults
- : irregular shape ∴ unlikely original space existed ∴ solution
- : microscopic evidence space not due to fracturing or crystal growth
- concludes solutioning ⇒ space & deposition concurrent
- in material source intrusive igneous rx - either ① Chertain Hill v. or ② Kluska ∴ ① more likely
- upper vein zone

Ag - Pb PROPERTIES

- UNION MINES - 12 vns, in arkoses ∴ lutaceous material in places
 A 348° / 60-70° SW
- otc samples high at 150 g/t Ag, 500 g ave
 - max 70% Pb exceptional, small masses solid galena considerable ~40% Pb
 - many tr Au some \$2.00 high, better portions believed \$20 / to Au & Ag

NEVADA MINES: two veins examined, similar to Union but less Galena, mostly q, cal, arsenopy, sph, py, cp

CONTACT METAMORPHIC DEPOSITS

- limited to NW trending 100 ft x 500 ft; FLEMING MC
- in Mt Stevens, pre Devonian, Gne, It gn to g y hb Gn near Jurassic GDi contact
- contact - meta ones replacing bands in Gn near GDi
- Gn rich in lime (high % lime-alkali feldspars)
- Gn bands distorted somewhat, general 316° or L to GDi/Gn contact, dip 60° to 90° either direction
- largest 30 ft x ? (100 ft?), nearby smaller bands 4 to 6 ft wide

MINERALOGY: chert, mag, spec, cp, py, malachite, azurite, cal, q, ep, chl, actinolite, yellow gnt; exposed in trench
 : Fe, Cu minerals make up most in centre; q, cal, ap to edge grades to v calcareous hb Gn

ASSAY - tr to \$2 Au 12, Cu ≤ 1%

GENESIS / AGE - late Jurassic, contact meta

FLEMING MC - /

ODD (dropped according to HC) MC EVEN 1-16 ODD 1-20
 Dupont Au - Cu Zn Pb 105 D13

- staked 1981 cover Au stream anomalies
- underlain by volcs of Upper Triassic Lewis River Gp
- included fp D, B & volc bx/cgl
- 60 ppb Au in fine heavy fraction
- 9 stream, 4 rock 169 soil
- all from one W running stream anomalies up to 1000 ppb Au in coarse heavy fraction
- Cu Zn soil anomaly merges into Pb-Zn soil anomaly to E
- highest Au in soil at head of creek just W of anomalies creek
- elsewhere Au background or less
- one volc bx sample 100 ppb Au with minor diss py
- in D and a few q vn 1-4cm wide, barren
- one SW grn 5m x 2m minor cp, 0.045% Cu, 0.62 g Ag/t

NIAD (16)

Archer CATMO Ag-Pb " " 105 D13

- staked 1981, soil geochem & associated mineralized in float
- Coast Plutonic Complex equigran. GDI-QM, NW of Bennett & Caldera, cut by A, R & aplite dy & contains meta-volc xenoliths
- 37 soils 0.8-2.6 ppm Ag, usually +200 Pb
- 25 recce rock all but those \bar{c} visible mineralization less Ag & Pb than soils
- Customed gvns \bar{c} tr galena 50.0 ppm Ag & +10,000 Pb

RAM (58)

Canadian Nickel Co Ltd Zn Pb Ag SK 105 D4

- staked 1976 Ram (B)

- 11-58 staked 1981 covering zones of kaolinization, sericitization, carbonatization, silicification of Rhyolitic T_{gfp}
- pre Miss Yukon Group metas, Cretaceous Coast Intrusives & T Skukum volcs, aT gfp plugs

① skarn zones, max 15 m long in Yukon Group metas (eg Ma, gn etc) adjacent to gfp: gn-gly sy, Malachite & Tenorite (2) network of veins; soils: Mo, Cu

- Sphalerite Galena in ep-dip-gnt-g-carbonate

1.49% Pb, 2.26% Zn, 37 g Ag/t over 3 m (chip)

3.73% Pb, 3.80% Zn, 25.4 g Ag/t over 4.9 m (core)

0.82% Pb, 0.85% Zn, 16.5 g Ag/t over 2.2 m (trench)

②: 3 zones alt in gfp,

- extensive, up to 200m x 600m of yellow-brown gossan containing narrow (up to 2m) sheared & brecciated zones with varying clg, ser & g violet stockwork; anomalous base metals, Ag or in Sb but not Au
- base metal sulfides in one zone

! 1 zone in Rhyolitic volc (bleached)

- believed caused by surface water rather than hydrothermal
- 176 rock samples (64 from g/gossan zones, Cu, Pb, Ag, Au, Sb)
- Alunite found through dubious field tests
- anomalous Au related to dy & flows of Skukum volcs rather than hydrothermal a