

Memorandum of interview with Dr. H. S. Bostock of Geological Survey in Ottawa - May 13th, 1952.

I spent the whole day with Dr. Bostock during which time I fully explored the possibility of securing his services for our Yukon venture. When it became apparent that his attitude was negative in this regard, we then discussed his recommendations for exploration and personnel.

Dr. Bostock was born in British Columbia in 1900. He received his primary education in England and the Royal Military College at Kingston. He graduated from McGill University in 1923 and subsequently received his doctor's degree in geology.

He has been continuously employed by the Geological Survey since 1929 and by reason of several summers' work with the Survey while doing post graduate study, he now has almost 25 years seniority. He is in charge of all operations in the Yukon and is undoubtedly regarded as a potential Director of the Survey.

He owns his home in Rockcliffe and has a family of four children being educated in Ottawa and at Queens University. He has a summer home in the Gatineau hills and his wife has been left a large estate near Nelson, B.C.

It is obvious that Bostock has no financial worries and he intimated that he could readily contemplate retirement.

He is presently engaged in the compilation of a volume to summarize all geological investigations in the Yukon. It is possible this summer will be his last requiring any lengthy time in the field.

He made it clear that he enjoys his present position and is very happy in his home life. He did not think there was any reasonable financial inducement which could cause him to abandon the Civil Service and mentioned the taxation problem.

I asked him if he would consider a leave of absence from the Survey and he then admitted he had thought of this when approached by another company. However, after some reflection he had decided it would not be to his advantage. Inasmuch as he has been visited recently by Mr. F. M. Connell, it is very likely the proposition was made by Conwest.

I suggested that he take some time to consider the matter, but he said there would be no purpose in doing so as his decision was final.

I asked him if he could recommend anyone with qualifications suitable for the work we are planning. He did not know of anyone with lengthy experience in the Yukon, but suggested two men who had done work in the Cordillera of B.C.

His first choice is Dr. K. Watson who is employed in the geological department of the University of California. This man is 35 years old and a graduate of University of British Columbia and Princeton. He has been employed by the B.C. Dept. of Mines and has done field work in northern B.C. close to the Yukon boundary. He is the author of several geological bulletins published by that province.

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I have written Dr. Watson asking him if he would be interested in our project and if so to advise where he could be interviewed.

The second choice recommended by Dr. Bostock is Dr. Fred Roots, now resident in England. This man is about 30 years old and a graduate of University of British Columbia. He has worked for the Geological Survey in B.C. and for the last two years was employed as chief geologist on a British government Antarctic expedition. Dr. Bostock will obtain his address, but it is doubtful if anything could be negotiated with him for this season.

The names of other geologists were obtained who would be suitable in a subordinate capacity.

Considering the brief time that we have to secure personnel before the commencement of the open season in the Yukon, it is doubtful if we can expect to put more than two reconnaissance parties in the field this year. In that event it is recommended that one party follow up the Geological Survey party entering the Wernecke mountains from the Mayo area and the other to explore the Hess mountains from the Canol road. Alternatively, the second party could explore the Itsi mountains from the Canol road, being the area wherein an important mineral discovery has been made by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company.

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