

Report on our findings in the McConnell Lakes Area Y.T. by F. Hoey. - June - 1955.

~~June~~ (May 16 - June 27<sup>th</sup>)

On April 10<sup>th</sup>. R. Hingst and myself proceeded from Toronto via - T.C.A. and C.P.A from Edmonton - destination Whitehorse Y.T.

Arrived at Whitehorse, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

where we purchased groceries, equipment etc., also hired one Indian (George Peters) to accompany us.

April 16<sup>th</sup>. proceeded via Whitehorse Flying Service (Pilot "Bud" Hardbottle) to McConnell Lakes, where we arrived without incident.

Landed on the most Southern lake, shown on the Whitehorse Testin Sheet; this particular lake is approximately one and one quarter miles long laying about North South.

There are three lesser lakes to the north which are part of this chain, then local height of land, and another lake about one thousand feet north also laying approx. N.S. which is drained by a small creek which flows north and westerly.

to join the Kopie Rv.

I would say that the depth of snow in the McConnell Pikes Valley on our arrival to be from 2½ ft. - to 3 ft. - Ground surface and rock outcrop had started to make ~~the~~ their appearance on slopes with Southern exposure.

We camped on the east side of the lake, and found a fair supply of dry chicots in the section for firewood. - decided to pick a more comfortable camp site when the time was convenient.

April 17<sup>th</sup>. - The boys stayed at camp hauling in and cutting firewood, whilst I looked over the immediate vicinity to get an idea of formation, which seemed to consist of limestone, Quartzite, slates and shale. Game - Ptarmigan plentiful, some rabbits, and wolverine. - Weather, heavy frost at night until the beginning of June, with cold winds, and considerable light snowflurries during the daytime. On May 1<sup>st</sup> we moved camp towards the south end of Lake, east side.

Prospecting shows there are numerous gossans, and mineralized zones in the area, located

several narrow occurrences of Galena, Sphalerite, and sparse Chalcopyrite. - also float with heavy Pb. and massive Arseno-pyrite. - early in June noted some large float with massive pyrite and lead. - all of the best appearing float seems to be found from <sup>1/4 M.</sup> South of campsite lake to about 3 miles south.

needless to say, we concentrated on this section, the largest part of our time was spent on the east side of the valley, where the sun had a better chance. Located a small galena show close to main creek on the west side, and did a little stripping, galena only appeared in fractures, and too spotty.

June  
~~May~~ 10<sup>th</sup> - picked up small float with fine ~~float~~ lead, on west side of valley, about 1 mile south from lake. the following day located Arseno (massive in places) and Galena, in what seems to be bedrock. tried some trenching but were handicapped by frost and snow. (This occurrence lays uphill and north from where small float.) we traced oxidized float at this point for several hundred feet. at some places minor chalcopyrite appeared with galena. - all occurrences noted, are marked.

on our District sheet. The season being about  
three weeks late this year in the Y.T.  
caused us to lose some good prospecting  
especially, on the west side of the Valley, which  
from my point of view, to be the most  
interesting; also it is probable that the  
lead float about 3 miles South from camp  
comes from somewhere in this area, which  
is still snow covered;

Signed - Frank Hoey -

C.H.E. Stewart  
Cyprian Exp. Corp.  
80 Richmond St. West  
Toronto, Ont.,

C/o Whitehorse Flying Service  
Whitehorse, Y.T.  
June - 28 - 1955

Dear Sir,

Received funds this P.M. at the Can. Bank  
of Commerce (1500.00).

Our prospecting trip was without mishap of  
any kind, and although about three weeks  
longer than intended (due to late breakup) grub  
just about lasted. Standing by here, until I  
hear from you as per our telephone  
conversation this A.M. - Have brought out  
samples of float and samples from several  
spots in place, which I will bring down with  
me or skip - some should be assayed, but I  
do not care to have any assays made here,  
as some are bound to run high in Pb - and may  
cause rumours to get about.

In my opinion it would take a fair sized  
program to find out whether there is anything  
of size or importance in the Valley, although there  
very well could be. But we can talk this over

at a later day, when I see you.

Hoping that you had a pleasant time on  
your trip,

Yours Sincerely,

Frank Hoey-

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Report of trip to Kitza River Area -  
Yukon Territories to locate and stake  
silver, lead prospect for

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CYPRUS EXPLORATION CORPORATION LTD.

By F. Hoey

August, 1954.

Proceeded as per plan from Toronto on July 2nd, 1954. Arrived at Whitehorse July 3rd, 1954, where I hired two men, purchased supplies, etc., and after some delay due to weather conditions, departed from Whitehorse via Whitehorse Flying Service (July 8th), the weather being such that we had to detour mountains, thus taking more flying time than ordinarily to reach our destination, a small lake which lay immediately south of the east end of Bruce Lake - which is located at the N. East corner of the Whitehorse Teslin Sheet.

The following day (July 9th) our party, myself, George Peters, Rod Blackjack, and our pack dog, Smokey (he packed 35 lbs), continued south and a little west to the Kitza River which we followed up towards its headwaters - following an old trapper's trail, which is fairly well tramped down by Moose, Bear, etc.

There being several more creeks entering the Kitza River than are shown on the map, I did not locate showing until July 14th, a.m. After looking showings over staked eight claims on July 16th (which I duly recorder with the Mining Recorder on my arrival at Whitehorse).

Location of claims:

They are located between two lesser creeks, which enter a branch of the Kitza River from the south. The branch itself enters the main Kitza River from a south westerly direction at a point approximately three miles north from the final headwaters fork of that river.

The lesser creeks which we will call Numbers 1 and 2, with No. 1 entering the Branch approx. 1 mile upstream from where the branch enters the Kitza No. 2 creek enters approx. 1000 feet upstream from No. 1.

Showings:

Following upstream on No. 1 creek, there is plentiful rock exposures, consisting of sheared sediments - slates, shales, limestone, mineralized principally with pyrite and iron sulphides, minor pyrrhotite - just below timer line on this creek, and on the west bank there is an oxidized zone, which showed some massive galena and pyrite. Several large pieces of float of various sizes laying in the near vicinity (no doubt from close by). On being broken by me also show massive lead ore. Oxidized zone, about 10 to 12 ft. exposed, lays at the contact of quartzite and limestone.

A similar outcrop lies exposed to the west on creek No. 2 at the contact, the distance between the two being approx. 1400 to 1500 ft. Two grabs from both showings - carried 40 and 24 ozs. Ag. (not assayed for Pb.).

The show which I originally started out to locate consists of a vein laying in the quartzite, and cutting the formation N. W. - S. E. direction; Dip 90°. There had been two trenches (now filled in by slide) these two trenches about 60 ft. apart laying respectively north and south from each other - in between these two trenches the vein sticks up quite prominently. I would say for about 75% of its total width of 15 ft. This was sampled by Mr. Seraphim - assays not yet available. At several points on the claims minor galena and pyrite was noted by me.

August, 1954.

Summary of findings:

This prospect is of importance and certainly merits further investigation by exploration also the immediate area surrounding the claims, a total at present of 14 - as Mr. Seraphim staked an additional 6 claims adjoining to the east covering the contact.

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At the moment the Government is locating and surveying proposed road from Whitehorse to Ross River which lies about 23 miles west from Bruce Lake.

Signed: Frank Hoey

Typed for F. Hoey,  
at Toronto, Ontario.  
on August 13th, 1954.

McConnel Lake,  
Yukon Territories,  
May 12th, 1955.

C. H. E. Stewart,  
Cyprus Exploration Corp. Ltd.,  
80 Richmond St. West,  
Toronto.

Dear Cye,

Gordon Dickson, arrived here this a.m. with his small plane, saw our camp and landed so taking the opportunity to send out this.

Quite considerable snow here yet, ice on lakes still good - only prospecting south slopes - formation so far, limestones, quartzite greywacke - slates, shales, located large float on main creek south of camp on south lake, massive mineralization, arsenopyrite, pyrrhotite, some minor chalcopyrite.

All well here, Hingst, George Peters (Indian) and self - Do not figure to move from here until June possibly depending on conditions about 10th or 15th, as the plane is waiting will close.

Best regards,

Frank Hoey

Note Cye:

Gordon Dickson tells me that he is forming a Syndicate, for your Corporation in the territory, and to mention it to you, if interested, you can address him at Whitehorse Box 557 - has his own plane and done most of his prospecting in the Yukon.

F. Hoey

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Capital Hotel  
Whitehorse, Yukon.

July 21st.

Cyrpus Exp. Corp.,  
Room 1730  
25 King St. West,  
Toronto.

Dear Cy:

Arrived back here last p.m. Located the show, which looks to have good possibilities, although Rock and earth have covered it up some, also located an oxidized mineralized zone (galena and pyrite) more or less on the line of strike approx. 1000 ft. S. E. from the show. Noted another oxidized zone (galena and sulphides) on the next creek, also minor galena in shears off the strike altogether. There seems to have been plenty of action in that area, considerable shear and folding. The law only allows one person to stake eight claims, so that is what I did - recording today. We have had plenty of rain, about every day, so the rivers and creeks are swollen. Tried to get you on the L.D. phone, but as there is a delay of two hours wired you, but will try this p.m.

Brought out some samples from all three places mentioned, which I am shipping to you. The area is approx. 120 miles N. E. from Whitehorse; Whitehorse Flying Service charge by the hour, as due to weather conditions it may take (often) much longer flying. I took two Indians and one dog with me. Did not have the Indians stake, as they are not to be depended on.

To get back to the showing and area itself, believe it deserving of thorough investigation. I hear that the Prospectors Airways are getting good results on their Pelly River property, but possibly you have heard more re this than I have here. With everything paid I have \$400. left of funds.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Frank Hoey.

C O P Y

Island Falls,  
March 8th, 1955.

Dear Frank,

Am very sorry that I had not gotten around to writing you before as I had promised last fall, but am glad to hear that you expect to go into the Ketzta next spring.

As far as Les and I are concerned we are just as happy to see Cyprus doing some work on the ground before dealing with Cornwest and we would be quite happy to play along with them. However if you get a good deal offered you we would not want to hold it up.

As far as prospecting in that country is concerned neither Les nor I found anything East of the Ketzta and very little south of the ground you staked. However Rudy Pula and Frank Guymer told me they had found float containing considerable galena in the valley just east of the creek where you staked which flows into the McConnell river. I don't know the exact location of this but I understand it was down close to the creek and they could not locate the source of it.

Several years before we spent part of the season in from the Lapi Lakes on the Canol road. There is a section there where we saw quite a lot of mineralization mostly galena with some chalcopryrite and chalcocite. It is just east of the lakes near the head of the west branch of the McConnell River. One place we had (massive) galena 6 to 8 in wide in shale and you could follow the vein for 100 feet or more. Just 100 feet or more to the south there were several large quartz veins containing galena and some copper mineralization. In a small valley further south there were quartz veins in the slate well mineralized with chalcocite and galena.

To the east of the lakes the cone of the ridge is granite. Along the west side there is a tremendous amount of pyrite and in the granite itself I noticed several small veins containing galena.

Further north from these lakes we also saw more mineralization with galena and copper. We did no prospecting at all east of the height of land flowing into the McConnell lakes but were heading that way when we ran into the stuff up the Ketzta.

Rudy and his partner were in there but did not find anything of importance but with the work going on up the Ketzta it should be worth another look see.

I don't know if the McConnell Lakes are big enough for a Beaver to land in. They are quite high and the mountains are steep around there. If you could get hold of a couple of pack horses it would be a great help to you around that country both for the camp and for the prospecting.

Well Frank this is not too satisfactory a letter but I hope that it will be of some assistance to you. We don't know yet just where we'll be spending next season but hope that we'll be seeing you.

Wishing you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Slim and Les