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~~28~~th May 1901

J. D. Farrell, Esq.,
President, Pacific Coast Co.,
San Francisco, Cal. (sic)

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 27th addressed to Mr. Dunsmuir, re coal lands in Comox District. Mr. Dunsmuir is at present in San Francisco, when he returns he will, I am sure, give you what information he possesses.

Yours truly,

"J. A. LINDSAY"

P. 680

13th June 1901

J. D. Farrell, Esq.,
Pres. Pacific Coast Co.,
Seattle, Wn. (sic)

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 27th in reference to coal land located on the enclosed map. For your information I would state that this property was bonded by the Vancouver Coal Co., I am not quite sure, but I think it was at the rate of \$3.00 per acre. They put several bores down, the bores were very deep, about 2700 feet, and Mr. Robins informed me that they only got 1' 9" of coal. The fact that they did not take up their bond should suggest the advisability of you looking carefully into the matter.

I have no objections whatever to you becoming interested in the field.

Yours truly,
"JAMES DUNSMUIR"

H.S.F.

August 2nd, 1916.

Henry S. Fleming, Esq.,
Chairman Executive Committee,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.,
No. 1, Broadway,
New York, N. Y.


Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a Blue Print section of Bore hole No.136, which is located West of No. 7 Mine, Comox.

You will note that the Upper seam shows up exceptionally well here, but the Lower seam seems to be badly split up. However, this may be caused by its being so near the outcrop.

We found on working out the elevation that this hole was about 500 feet up the pitch from where No.3 West Level would pass, and Hole No.137 has been located as near as possible where it will follow the line of the level.

Yours truly,


General Superintendent.

JRL/JMcD.
Enclosure.

EXTRACT FROM:

Thos. Graham, Rept. to J.M. Savage on first half of Sept. 1918, dated Sept. 24th, 1918.

I visited the Quinsam River field in company with Mr. Charlie Graham and Mr. A.M. McKenzie, and spent 4 days in going over the field.

We visited the outcrops of coal and iron on the Iron River, also the coal outcrops on the Quinsam River.

The iron showing on the Iron River looked quite promising where exposed; the extent of deposit is however unknown and could only be proven by extensive drilling.

The coal outcrop on the Iron River is not at all encouraging, being a small toe between two trap areas. This undoubtedly opens up when travelling westward to the Quinsam, and the seams exposed on the Quinsam appear to cover a large area.

A section of the seam as shown on the Iron River could be of no value owing to disturbed and contorted condition; on the Quinsam the measures are very regular, the pitch being 6° and almost due north.

I find that a section of this seam (Quinsam - AFB) as taken by me does not correspond to that given by the late Mr. Sutton, who covered the field for Mr. Dunsmuir. The coal is very hard in character and much resembles the coal in our No. 4 Mine and the following is a true section of the seam.

Sand rock roof, hard		0' 0"
COAL, hard.....	2' 0"	2' 0"
Dirt band or mining.	- 4"	2' 4"
COAL, hard.....	1' 3"	3' 7"
Shale.....	3' 3"	6' 10"
Bone coal.....	- 4"	7' 2"
COAL, hard.....	1' 8"	8' 3"

Only the upper portion of this could be operated which would give 3' 3" of coal with 4" of mining in the centre. This would make a nice longwall proposition if near to transportation. The location of this seam in respect to transportation makes the possibility of its being operated successfully very doubtful, at least for a number of years yet.

Further up the Iron River and its branches Balsam or Carbon Creek the same seam is shown dipping eastward, or toward the salt water. There is a large extent of very promising looking territory here showing sandstone cover, and running on the shore line from near Oyster River to the 50th Parallel or almost 6 miles, whilst the crop is almost 10 miles from the shore line. The prospecting of this is of course only possible by diamond drill, and the depth at the shore line problematical but possibly 2,000 feet or more. This is also something for the future.

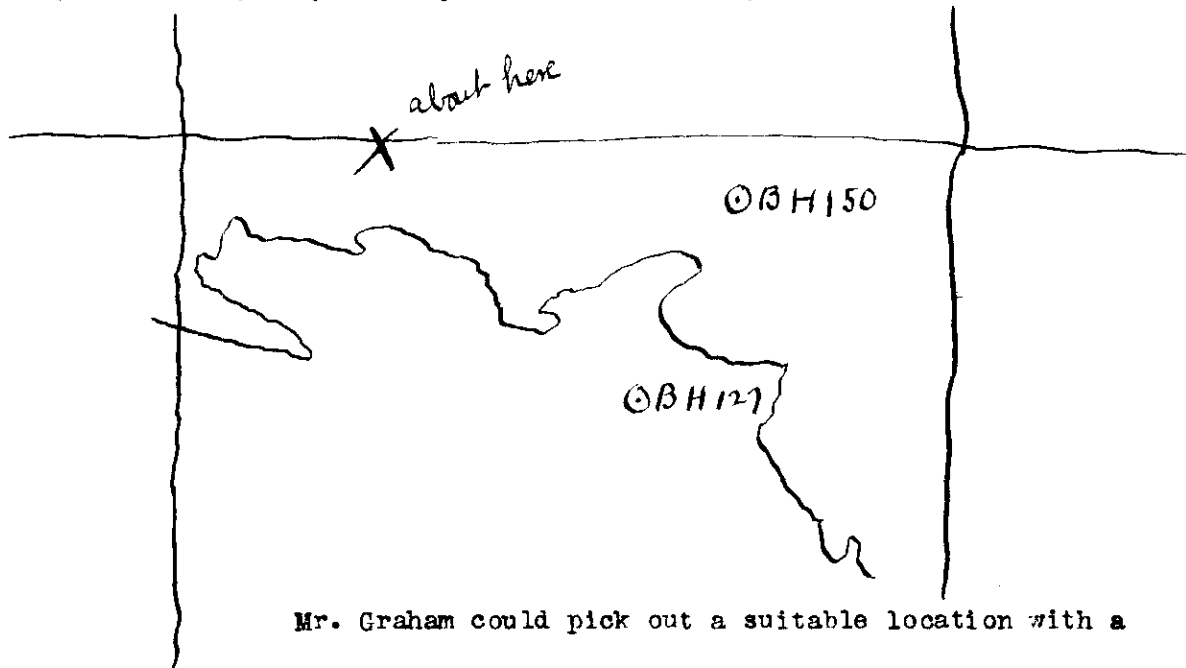
CANADIAN COLLIERIES (DUNSMUIR) LIMITED

Office of the Vice-President

No. 1 Broadway,
New York, August 6 1918

Dear Mr. Savage:

Mr. Charles Graham's report of July 23rd, for the week ending July 14th. is received and I note particularly the results of drill hole No. 150. If his supposition is correct that the coal found at 802 feet is the lower seam, - and I think he is right, - then the outlook ahead of No. 1 slope is not very good. I should be tempted, however, to put down another hole to the astronomical west of 150 and well ahead of the old workings in No. 4, very roughly as outlined below:-



Mr. Graham could pick out a suitable location with a view to getting on the west side of what is evidently a big fault which has cut across the foot of No. 1 slope, the effects of which extend on to bore hole No. 150.

I note in Mr. Thomas Graham's letter of July 30th. that he proposes going ahead with a drill hole to carry wires to No. 2 slope of No. 4 Mine. I very much regret he cannot work out some satisfactory plan to save the

present underground wiring between Nos. 1 and 2, as this means an additional expense with nothing gained in the way of knowledge, though he may possibly save a little underground cable.

I have been reading his letters with regard to an additional water hole at No. 4, and must confess I cannot see an advantage which would justify the expense, excepting the remote possibility that the water in No. 4 Mine increased beyond the capacity of the present pipe east of No. 1 Slope. I will write you later with regard to this and other questions brought up in Mr. Graham's letter.

Sincerely yours,

"H. S. Fleming"

Vice-President

James M. Savage, Esq.,

General Manager,

Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. August 15th. 1918

Thomas Graham, Esq.,
General Superintendent,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find
copy of a letter from Mr. Fleming dated August 6th.
re Bore hold in the vicinity of No. 4 Mine and other
matters in connection with the same mine.

Yours truly,



General Manager.

JMS:S

Enc.

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VICTORIA, B. C. Sept. 20th, 1918

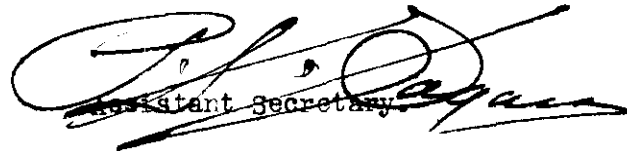
Thomas Graham Esq.,
General Superintendent,
Canadian Collieries (D) Ltd.,
Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 18th, re Diamond Drill Crown said to be lost in one of Comox Bore Holes, I am unable to locate any record of this loss and am inclined to think that this refers to the Carbons lost in Hole 137 August 25th, 1916.

Copy of Drill Foreman's report in connection with, the latter, is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,


Assistant Secretary

Ms:PSF

REPORT ON LOST CARBON IN B.H. #137

Coming on shift on the morning of August 25th. 1916, I found the bit and rods struck 52 ft. off bottom. I had to use the heavy drive hammer in order to jar the rods loose, and I drove them down three feet so as to connect on the hydraulic when they became free.

The core barrel is somewhat larger than the rods and as soon as the barrel was pulled back to that spot where the cave had slid in it was all the engine could do to turn the rods. I reamed it back three feet when it loosened, so that I was able to pull it with the machine another few feet when the rods stuck so that I could not move them either way. I tried my best to turn them and to work them down again but they would not move, so I had to use force in order to move the bit. When I finally got it out there were three outside stones missing; they were either pulled out or else smashed. When I tried to go down again I could not go down past that spot; it felt as if the hole was filled right up. I had to set a new bit to drill through three feet of heavy cave and I came near being struck the second time, so I had to ream the same spot over three time before it would let the bit go through. Then I had to use a wrench in order to go past that spot either up or down, and when I finally was able to pass that spot and started to fish for the carbon I had two feet of large cave at the bottom of the hole. When I finally picked out all the heavy chunks and got to bottom I neither felt, nor did I see any sign of any carbon.

We were loosing all the water pumped into the hole so they were evidently washed away into some crevices between 113' and 120'.

Mr. Spangler lowered the bit and drilled 12 ft. in that run and was on his way out when it stuck on him. When I got the bit out he had only

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REPORT ON LOST CARBON IN B.H. #137

eight feet of core in the barrel. He had given the bit a pretty hard run, as the core tells the tale.

The lost carbons weighed 6-45/64 carats.

(Sgd.) "J. B. Berglund"

Foreman.

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August 20th, 1918.

J. M. Savage, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5th enclosing a copy of letter from our Mr. Fleming in further reference to Bore Holes in the vicinity of our No.4 Mine, Comox Field. I shall be pleased to carry out Mr. Fleming's suggestion relative to a further hole to the west of Bore Hole No.150 as soon as the Drill can be relieved from its present work.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

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November 22nd, 1918.

Dear Mr. Savage,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have just sent Mr. Junkins in reply to his telegraphic request for the logs of the drill holes in the general area which we laid off as available for his proposed operations.

You will note that I have substantially condensed the drill logs, as I believe this will answer his purpose and really be more satisfactory, for the present at least, than the detailed log, since the latter shows the coal seams split in a manner which, to those who have not been operating in our district, makes them appear commercially valueless, although we know such is not the case.

I suggest you let Mr. Graham see my letter to Mr. Junkins and the condensed log, in order that he may have in mind the general line which I am following and be in a position to continue it if Mr. Junkins sends a representative on the ground.

Sincerely yours,

"HENRY S. FLEMING".
Vice-President.

J.M.Savage, Esq., General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (Sunsmuir) Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

between the holes. I might say, in illustration of this, that at our No. 7 Mine we have a drill hole 300-feet ahead of our workings, the hold showing coal measures 7-feet, 11-inches thick, with two partings of 3-inches and 11-inches respectively and a small section of "boney" coal near the bottom. The level in the mine, 300-feet distant, is practically all in "boney" coal.

Since our requirements are for lump coal, this condition bears heavily upon us, but if we were in a position to shoot down the face and break the coal up and then wash it for the market, we could recover large quantities of coal which we now are compelled to abandon, this particularly applying to section containing "boney" coal, since a large part of such coal, if crushed and washed, would give a substantial recovery of pure coal and a large recovery of coal containing possibly 20-percent ash, but still useful for commercial purposes.

When you are ready to take this matter up on some firm basis I will be very glad to arrange to meet you and give you the benefit of our experience in the field and any assistance which you may require in making your own investigations.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
" H.S. FLEMING"
Vice-President.

Sydney R. Junkins, Esq.
Alexandra Hotel,
Winnipeg, Canada.

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VICTORIA, B. C. November 27th. 1918

T. Graham, Esq.,
General Superintendent,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

- re Tsa-ble River Lands -

I have been endeavoring to ascertain what is our position regarding surface rights surrounding Tsa-ble prospects. So far I cannot find that there were any reservations made in the original deeds regarding the surface rights.

I understand certain portions of the land you are likely to require are owned by the Chemainus *Jacob* Company and other portions by the Dollar people. You might send me a rough sketch showing about what lands you are likely to require and we will make an effort to arrange for their purchase.

Yours truly,


General Manager.

JMS:S

November 30th, 1918.

J. M. Savage, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 27th re Tsa-Abl River land duly received.

I note that you are unable to find if reservations have been made for surface rights in the transfer deeds of lands in that district.

This^{is} rather unfortunate if such reservations have not been made, as I fear that it will be impossible for me to give you any idea as to the surface lands we would be likely to need in that district, this being dependant entirely upon the results that would be obtained after drilling the field.

The location of the point of opening and adjacent works will necessarily be dependent upon the disclosures made by drilling operations, and hence any selection that might be made at the present time might be far from that required after the drilling had been done.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

TG/G.

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VICTORIA, B. C. January 2nd. 1919

T. Graham, Esq.,
General Superintendent,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

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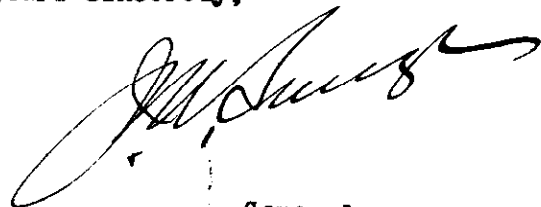
Dear Sir:-

I have just received from Mr. Fleming a wire reading as follows:

"Referring to my letter to Junkins November twenty-second. Stop. I have expressed opinion that coal measures probably begin to rise as approach shore line on Northeast end of area we marked for him and that sandstones we saw on East side Comox valley while not actually in the coal measures are nearer to them than the sandstones closer to Courtenay and therefore led to belief that middle of coal basin lies toward Courtenay and measures rise to Southwest and Northeast. Stop. Junkins writes that his geologists do not agree but has now telegraphed asking if Graham can shew his representative the shore-sandstones referred to and discuss the opinion I have expressed. Stop. Have telegraphed Junkins ask representative see you and arrange go Cumberland and meet Graham. Stop. Suggest you advise Graham fully as matter is question of opinion only and cannot be proved without drilling; which had hoped Junkins would do."

The letter of November 22nd. to which he refers is the one your stenographer made a copy of when I was at Cumberland on December 4th.

Yours sincerely,



General Manager.

JMS:S

January 6th, 1919.

J. M. Savage, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 2nd enclosing copy of a lettergram receipt from Mr. Fleming, re the geology of the area lying to the East of our No. 8 Mine as per his communication with Mr. Junkins.

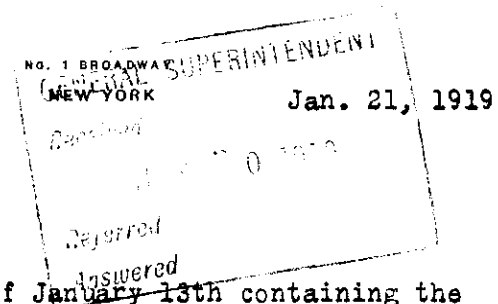
I am this afternoon going over this area, with a view to familiarizing myself with the various outcrops of sandstone in the district.

I shall be pleased to meet any representative that Mr. Junkins may send to this district.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited

OFFICE OF THE -PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. Graham:

Thank you for your letter of ~~January 13th~~ containing the blueprint and log of No. 8 Main Shaft and Air Shaft.

I had these records in my files, but in some unaccountable way they have disappeared, and as I needed them in connection with my Report to the Bondholders with respect to our decision not to undertake further development at No. 8 Shaft, I telegraphed Mr. Savage asking for this set.

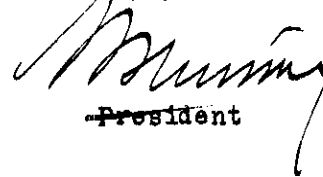
It has been stated to one of our Directors that a bore-hole was sunk at either the main shaft or the air shaft before work on these shafts was begun. This I have denied, as there has never been any record, to my knowledge, showing such bore-hole, and I would be indebted if you will ask Mr. Lynn to carefully go over our records, in order that you can advise me whether I am correct.

My hearty congratulations on the way the tonnage is improving. Thus far it looks as though January was going to be one of the best months we have ever had.

With my best wishes, Believe me,

Thomas Graham, Esq., Genl. Supt.
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.
Cumberland, B. C., Canada

Sincerely yours,


-President

A.

January 31st, 1919.

Henry S. Fleming, Esq.,
President,
Canadian Collieries (D) Ltd.,
No. 1 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Mr. Fleming:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 21st, and note your statement made to the Board of Directors that no borehole was sunk at either the main or air shaft at No. 8 Mine previous to the work on the shaft being started.

Our Mr. Lynn has carefully gone over our records and his search confirms your statement. We have further made inquiries from Mr. G. W. Clinton, who makes the statement that there was no drill hole sunk at either the main or air shaft previous to the work of sinking the shaft.

In reference to improvement in tonnage, I regret very much that the Chinese New Year festivities are crippling us yesterday and today and spoiling what would otherwise have been a splendid month's output.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

TG/JG.

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VICTORIA, B.C. Feb. 15th. 1919

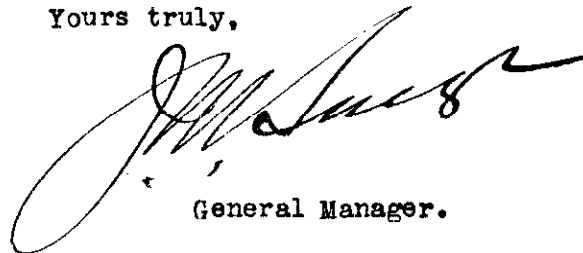
Thomas Graham, Esq.,
General Superintendent,
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.,
Cumberland, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 14th. enclosing Blue-print of location of proposed Bore Hole 155, is received.

No. 153 apparently proved a failure and rather confirms my idea that we are only wasting money in trying to make a Mine out of No. 7. However, I suppose in the meantime, we will have to go on with further Bore Holes until the property is proven one way or the other.

Yours truly,



General Manager.

JMS:S

February 19th, 1919.

J. M. Savage, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (D) Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 15th in further reference to results of Borehole 153 on the west side of our No. 7 Mine, Comox, duly received.

It will be necessary to continue the boreholes in this District in order to thoroughly prove the territory in question.

I am however convinced of the fact that our only hope of getting No. 7 Mine to a reasonable production, will be by opening territory lying to the east side of the main slope between the downthrow fault of our No. 4 property.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

TG/JG.

March 28th, 1919.

J. M. Savage, Esq.,
General Manager,
Canadian Collieries (D) Ltd.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In further reference to my telephone call to you of yesterday re results on Borehole 155 to the west of No. 7 Slope.

I am enclosing you a section of the same, you will note from this that while there is 7 feet 3 inches of coal shown in the Borehole that 2 feet 10 inches of this amount is soft badly broken coal and that the whole is contained in 14 feet of vein matter. This materially changes the aspect and is not more encouraging than the other holes in the immediate vicinity.

We will have an analysis of the upper portion of the seam made with a view to determining its quality.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

TG/JG.

Canadian Collieries, (Dunsmuir), Limited

INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCEDATE Sept. 17th, 1943FILE 2-11-10

SUBJECT _____

TO H. Baird, Esq., Gen. Supt.,
C. C. (D.) Ltd.,
Cumberland, B.C.

FROM G.M. Dept.COPIES TO PSF

Mr. Filberg advised me this morning that his crews had exposed a good looking seam of coal (although only two feet thick) in the T'solum District and I promised to have it investigated.

Mr. Bob Grant at Headquarters will supply our engineers details of the location, etc.

"H R P"

General Manager

Canadian Collieries, (Dunsmuir), Limited

INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCEDATE October 21st. 1943

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SUBJECT Taolum River OutcropsTO H.R. Plommer, Esq.,FROM SuperintendentGen. Manager,Cumberland, B.C.C.C.(D.) Ltd.COPIES TO PSE

Further to your letter of September 17th advising that Mr. Filberg had reported a seam of coal in the above district, I had Mr. Strachan visit the outcrops recently. I now enclose 2 copies of his report, one of which you may care to pass along to Mr. Filberg. You will gather from the report that we already had a record of outcrops at this point but we had no analysis, and when this comes through from Union Bay it will be added to out records.

Yours faithfully,

"Harold Baird"

Superintendent