

NAME OF PROPERTY
NOM DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ

BELLE AIRE

OBJECT LOCATED
OBJET LOCALISÉ

UNCERTAINTY
FACTEUR D'INCERTITUDE

Mining Division Division minière	Slocan	District District	Kootenay
County Comté		Township or Parish Canton ou paroisse	
Lot Lot		Concession or Range Concession ou rang	
Sec Sect.	Tp. Ct.	R. R.	

OWNER OR OPERATOR/PROPRIÉTAIRE OU EXPLOITANT

1958: Mr. S. Hallgren,
Ainsworth, B.C.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT/DESCRIPTION DU GISEMENT

The country rocks are micaceous and chloritic schists, quartzites, argillites and limestones of the Lardeau series and the Milford group. Granites of the Nelson batholith outcrop about a mile to the west. The rocks strike north-south and dip to the west at about 40°. The ore occurs in a mineralized quartz vein that averages about two feet in width, the galena and sphalerite occurring as small lenses.

HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
HISTORIQUE DE L'EXPLORATION ET DE LA MISE EN VALEUR

The early history of the development of this mineralized vein, outcropping just above the Coffee Creek bridge on the Nelson-Kaslo highway, is not clear. Apparently the Belle Aire claim is a relocation of an earlier Crown-granted claim, either the Blizzard or the Sunnyside. Exploration work on the Blizzard claim in 1917 consisted of a 10 foot tunnel, a shallow shaft and two open cuts. An adit was to have been collared at creek level to explore the vein or depth.

In 1950 S. Hallgren staked the Belle Aire claim astride Coffee Creek, adjacent to the bridge. He worked the property intermittently until 1958. An old adit, which had been collared above the high-water mark on the north side of the creek, was extended to a length of 120 feet. Another adit, 30 feet vertically above, was driven for 20 feet.

HISTORY OF PRODUCTION/HISTORIQUE DE LA PRODUCTION

The only record of production from this vein was in 1950 when 4 tons of ore were shipped. From this ore 8 ounces of silver, 722 pounds of lead and 61 pounds of zinc were recovered.

REFERENCES/BIBLIOGRAPHIE

Annual Reports, Dept. of Mines, B.C.: 1917, pp. 153, 187; 1950, p. 136; 1957, p. 49; 1958, p. 43.

MAP REFERENCES/RÉFÉRENCES CARTOGRAPHIQUES

Map 1742, Ainsworth, (Geol.), Sc. 1:24,000" - accomp. Mem. 117.

Map 603 A, Nelson, (Geol.), Sc. 1":4 miles - accomp. Mem. 228.

REMARKS/REMARQUES

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