

PRODUCT PRODUIT	PROVINCE OR TERRITORY	PROVINCE OU TERRITOIRE	N.T.S. AREA RÉGION DU S.N.R.C.	REF. RÉF.
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NAME OF PROPERTY NOM DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ PRODUIT	GOLD. (PLACER)	PROVINCE BRITISH COLUMBIA.	MAP SQUARE C9	No. 954/d
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NAME OF PROPERTY ✓ "Willow River Lease." " <del>Laird's Co.</del> " <del>Willow River Mng. Co.</del>			
NEAREST POST OFFICE			
LOCATION Willow River.	Mining Division Cariboo.	District Cariboo.	
County	Township or Parish		
Concession or Range, and Lot			
L.S.	Sec.	Tp.	R.

OWNERS OR OPERATORS AND ADDRESS			
✓ 1893: Charles F. Law (late B.C. Commissioner at the World's Fair, Chicago.)			
1894: Chas. F. Law & F.C. Laird (of Chicago).			
1901: The Laird Co.			
✓ 1902: Willow River Mining Co., Ltd.			

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT			
Ore or substance Gold.			
Character of Deposit Placer.			
Country Rock			
Associated minerals of value			

DEVELOPMENT WORK

1894: 7 holes bored across valley of creek.  
" 4x12 ft. working shaft started, but struck water

1895: Drifted 620 ft. into hill to rim rock.

(1896: 3 compartment shaft raised 100 ft. to surface  
(1897: and sunk 110 ft., and a bed-rock tunnel run  
650 ft. to intercept channel. 3 openings were  
made into the channel wash.

1903: A new 6x16 ft. shaft reached bed-rock.

1905: 120 ft. drifting on bed-rock, which was then  
lost. A 11-ft. shaft located it, but it pit-  
ched into deeper ground. Main shaft Equipped  
then sunk 25 ft. deeper and a new tunnel started. Not equipped

PRODUCTION

Material shipped

Date of first shipment

TRANSPORTATION

Shipping point

Distance from mine

Carrier

Destination

MAP REFERENCES

General and district maps

Detail maps, plans, sections

121075

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Willow river is a tributary of the Fraser river, which it joins below Ft. (or, Prince) George. It is situated in what has been the richest placer district in B.C. From 2½ mls. of Williams Creek (one of its tributaries) and 2 mls. of Lightning Creek (another tributary) at least \$30,000,000 of gold had been taken out up to 1914. Most of the balance of the gold produced in the district came from the surrounding creeks all within a comparatively small area.

First mention of Willow River by G.S.C. in Rep. Prog. 1876-77 (p.135), where data re creeks tributary to it was given. Willow river valley has flats a mile to 2 mls. wide, and still higher-lying meadows than these are found on nearly all the tributary branches, at various altitudes. "Usually these occur where the configuration of the country has led to the formation of basins in the interrupted descent of the streams."  
 (G.S.C., 1887-88, p.16c)

In 1893, Mr. Law purchased the mining lease of 1 ml. on Willow river below Mosquito Creek, and interested Montreal capital therein. The Govt. hydraulic jett-ing (or, boring) machine was to be transported to the ground during the winter and testing was to start the next spring.

In 1894, in the 4th hole bored, fine particles of gold (amounting to .50¢) were obtained from the 4-ft. above bed-rock, which was struck at 102 ft.

In 1897, Mr. Laird held 5 leases on 4 mls. along Willow river - above and below Mosquito Creek. \$100,000 spent by 1898. By Oct., 1900, the deep channel of Willow River was finally reached and a most satisfactory prospect of coarse gold found.

In 1901, they were driven out by water.

In 1902-3, the water difficulty continued.

In 1904, had water trouble in new shaft.

In 1906, the fatal illness of the principal owner caused the closing down of operations - although they were working on gold sufficient to pay, with the ground improving with every foot advanced across the channel. In 1907, work was resumed and results satisfactory, but the machinery broke down.

In 1908, work shut down in early spring.