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REPORT

ON

CROWN POINT MINE

By:

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Virginia City, Nevada November 8, 1933.

Mr. James M. Leonard Virginia City,

Nevada

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report on the Crown Point Mine, located in the Gold Hill Section of the Comstock Lode, Storey County, Nevada.

The report contains five maps. - Longitudinal
Section of Comstock Lode, Large.

Longitudinal Section Crown Point, Small.

Cross Section of Comstock Lode at Crown Point, Small
Assay Map of workings Crown Point, Large
Railway and Surface survey at Crown Point, Large.

Respectfully yours,

(signed) Howard W. Squires.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Comstock District is in Storey County, Virginia City and Gold Hill are the two towns on the Lode. It is sometimes subdivided into the Virginia City District on the North and the Gold Hill District on the South. These towns are built on the top of the Lode, and the mines are under the towns. Mt. Davidson rises to the west of the Lode, is the highest peak in the district, and has an altitude of 7,870 feet, and the district of the Comstock Lode outcrops on its E. flank at elevations in the neighborhood of 6,550 feet. During the Bonanza days, these towns had a combined population of some thirty thousand people. The present population is estimated at fifteen hundred.

The Comstock Lode is connected by Broad gauge railroad with Carson City, the Nevada State Capitol by the Virginia and Truckee Railroad, which also connects with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Reno. The Sierra Pacific Power Company serves the district with hydro-electric power. Telephone and telegraph lines connect with the outside world, and the Comstock has one of the best water supplies in the western country, water being brought through pipe lines and flume, some twenty five miles from the Sierra Nevada Range.

# DISCOVERY:

No one individual can be credited with the discovery of the Comstock Lode, nor any exact date given. It was through the activities of a large number of people extending over a long period of time. Abner Blackburn discovered placer gold near the present site of Dayton in July, 1849. The Grosh brothers discovered rich ore in the region in 1853 possibly

at Silver City, or perhaps they located the outcrop of the Comstock Lode at the head of Gold Canyon, but both died before they could take advantage of their find. James Fennimore, known as "Old Virginia". located Gold Hill cropping of the Comstock Lode as placer ground in January, 1859. Peter O'Riley and Patrick McLaughlin digging a water hole at the head of Six Mile Canyon uncovered the Ophir bonanza in June, 1859. Henry Comstock. for whom the district is named, bluffed his way into part ownership. Rich silver sulphide occurred with the gold. but was not recognized as such until Judge Walsh of Grass Valley had it assayed and its real nature was discovered. This inaugurated the "great Washoe rush" and hundreds crossed the mountains from California that year, while thousands followed the succeeding years, and in 1864 Nevada had sufficient population to warrant making it a state.

# GENERAL

Without question, the Comstock Lode is one of the most extensive gold and silver deposits ever discovered in the Western Hemisphere. The Comstock mines were of great importance in their day, and no such volume of money had ever been produced from a single source up to the time of their operations. Most people have the conception that the Comstock was strictly a silver district. This, however, is decidedly an error. Reduced to dollars and cents, the actual gold content of the ore today constitutes about 75% of the value.

From 1862 until 1886 the United States Government first through the War Department, and later the Interior took an active hand in the guidance of all underground

work. Accurate underground surveys were made by Government Engineers and statistics of costs and bullion production were printed and distributed to the various mine managers. The Government Atlas of Hague, followed by Becker are records of care and accuracy and it is from these sources we are indebted today to much valuable information we possess concerning the Comstock mines.

# PRODUCTION FROM SURFACE BONANZAS

The recorded production furnished by the Director of the Mint from 1859 to 1864 is as follows:

Year	Tons	Total
1859	Service Control	\$ 30,000
1860	10,000	750,000
1861	140,000	3,500,000
1862	250,000	7,000,000
1863	450,000	12,400,000
1864	680,000	16,000,000

There was no doubt a large unrecorded production in the early days which cannot be roughly estimated. By this time, however, the ore bodies first discovered had begun to play out and we find a gradual decline in production from 1865 to 1871 as follows:

Year	Tons	Total
1865	430;745	\$15,833,720
1866	640,282	14,907,895
1867	462,176	13,738,608
1868	300,560	8,779,769
1869	279,584	7,405,578
1870	238,967	8,704,325

During the above period enormous sums of money had been spent in litigation; the V. & T. R. R. had been completed from Carson City to Gold Hill in 1869, and the same year Adolph Sutro began work on the Sutro Tunnel four miles from the Comstock Lode, connecting in the Savage

mine in 1878 at an approximate vertical depth of 1750 feet, and immediately became of great value for drainage purposes although many mines had reached greater depth and were forced to pump to the tunnel level.

# DEEP BONANZAS

From 1860 to 1870, Crown Point, Kentuck and Yellow

Jacket had their first bonanza ore body extending practically

from the surface down to the 900 foot level. In 1871 Crown

Point and Belcher encountered an immense body of high grade

ore at a depth of 1160 feet, which extended down to the

2000 foot level, being one of the biggest and richest

bodies ever discovered and which produced in a very few

years \$67,499,000 in bullion.

When Crown Point-Belcher discovered the large bonanza at depth, all other mining companies started shafts far out east of the lode with the intent to intersect the Comstock at depth on its downward 45 degree east dip. In 1874 the Big Bonanza in Con. Virginia was encountered first on the 1167 foot level. This extended in California ground adjoining the north. It extended down to the 2060 foot level and according to J. A. Church the Big Bonanza yielded \$104,007,653 which averaged \$93.35 per ton. All the bonanzas taken together produced 6,350,520 tons yielding an average of \$42.89 per ton. The average recorded value of all the ores mined from 1859 to 1921, including values recovered by re-treatment of tailings, is \$31.16 per ton. Bullion production rose with the discovery of deep bonanzas in Crown Point and Con Virginia from 8 million dollars in 1870 to over 36 million dollars in 1877.

Year	Tons	Total
1871	409;718	\$10,249,528
1872	384,668	12,236,399
1873	448,301	21,671,980
1874	526,743	22,476,785
1875	546,425	25,825,521
1876	598,818	31,618,660
1877	562,519	36,301,536

### MEDIUM GRADE ORES:

Upon exhaustion of the Big Bonanza the low grade ores in the mines were systematically worked. Production however declined steadily to a trifle over one million dollars in 1881. In 1882 an immense flow of hot water drowned out the Gold Hill Mines below the Sutro Tunnel and they were forced back to mining ore above the drainage level. The Virginia City mines continued pumping until 1886, when they also suspended work below the Sutro Tunnel and worked above this horizon. However, production again rose to over seven million dollars in 1888 and declined to less than \$200,000 in 1899. Pumping was resumed in 1899 by the Comstock Pumping Association and considerable ore mined before discontinuing in 1922. Production ranged from under four thousand dollars per year to nearly one million four hundred thousand yearly.

In 1920, through Bulkley Wells, the United Comstock took over the Alpha, Imperial, Challenge, Confidence, Yellow Jacket, Kentuck, Crow Point, Belcher, Secregated Belcher, and Overman Mines, built a 2,500 mill at American Flat, and connected the mines and mill with a haulage tunnel 9,585 feet long giving a maximum back of 650 feet of low grade ores and old fills. Wells resigned in 1923.

In 1922 the Comstock Merger was formed and took over the Best and Belcher, Gould & Curry, Savage, Hale & Norcross, Chollar, Potosi, Bullion, and Exchequer Mines, together with the Caledonia at the S. end of the lode, and a group of claims on the S. E. branch of the Comstock Lode in Gold Canyon.

Volume production was attempted but due to dilution of ore values by wall rock caving, and an unwieldy operation, rather than from any lack of ore supply, these ventures proved disastrous.

# GEOLOGY:

The latest important contribution to the geology of the Comstock is that made by Professor Reid of the University of California in 1905. California University Publication, volume 4, pages 177 - 199, 1905. Reid says in part that the Comstock Lode is on the east flank of Mt. Davidson which is composed of a mass of diorite bounded upon all sides by faults. The lode occupies the great fissure made by the E. member of this block faulting system, which is a normal fault with a movement of 3,000 feet. This movement resulted in the shattering of the hanging wall and the production of numerous fissures which join the lode in depth but pinch out in height. The lode has a length of 13,000 feet, terminating by branching at both extremeties, and varies in width from 100 to 1,400 feet. The strike of the lode is N 14° E., and its dip is 43° easterly. The country consists of late Tertiary igneous rocks ranging from diorite on the W., which forms Mt. Davidson and the foot wall of the lode, through a hanging wall consisting mainly of . hornblende andesite, to augite andesite on the E.

# ORE BODIES:

The country rock of the Comstock Lode has been highly altered by hydothermal action. The wide body of quartz

and altered rock which constitutes the lode, contains rich ore shoots or "bonanzas" separated from one another by long irregular stretches of low grade material. In the north section, the principal bonanzas occur in the vertical hanging wall fractures, while in the south of Crown Point section they occur in the main lode. The location of bonanzas appears to have been determined by N. W. and N. E. pre-mineral fractures intersecting the main lode, and their size by the strength of these fractures.

ORE MINERALS

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# LOW GRADE ORES:

It must be remembered that when the Comstock was discovered, metal mining in the United States was in its infancy; equipment was crude, and costly to install. Little was known about metallurgy and ore reduction. Power was generated by burning wood under steam boilers and as

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operations expanded, fuel became more costly on the Comstock. Operating costs were very high and extraction of ore values low. Consequently nothing but high grade ore was profitable. In 1860 Almarin B. Paul experimented with the extraction of gold and silver from Comstock ores and built a mill near what is now Silver City by a modification of the old Mexican patio process, which came to be known as "Pan Amalgamation" or the "Washoe Process", and at that period represented the last word in metallurgical treatment of gold and silver ores of similar character, and later was used all over the world.

From 1860 to 1875 ores mined were shipped to the nearby mills for treatment. The mines required the mills to return at least 65% of the assay value of the ore, in bullion. It is safe to say the mills seldom returned more than the percentage required.

The United States Government statistics of working costs of Comstock mines at the height of their production is very complete. This book Volume 3, U. S. Geological Survey of the 40th Parallel; Page 172, J. D. Hague compiles the mining and milling costs of Gould and Curry Company from 1860 to 1869 as follows:

TABULAR MINING O	STATEMENT SHO	the last frequency and the production of the second	Complete Com	ND CURRY DV. 30, 1869
Year ending	Tons of ore produced	Cost per ton for mining	Cost per to	on for milling Custom Mill
Nov. 30				
Nov. 30	8,442	\$12.54	#ZO 00	- \$34.55
Nov. 30	48,743 64,443	12.54	\$38.00 40.00	22.30 26.00
Nov. 30	47,217 62,425	10.34	12.93 12.27	20.36
Nov. 30	24,940	11.35	13.00	14.34 12.62
Nov. 30	12,153 15,879	10.34		13.08

Thus we find over the nine year period average mining cost was \$10.82 a ton. Company milling cost was \$23.24 a ton, and Custom milling cost \$20.36 a ton. As mill extraction did not exceed 67% of the value of the ore, it is plain that ore of an assay value of \$50.00 a ton would not pay to extract. Gould & Curry was an average illustration of the day.

On page 248 the same book as before referred to, U. S. Geological Survey of the 40th Parallel mill extraction is given on Savage Mine.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS OF TWENTY ONE DIFFERENT MILLS TREATING ORE FROM THE SAVAGE MINE BETWEEN JULY 1867
AND FEB. 1868.

Mill No.	Tons	Mill Sample	Yield a ton	Yield % a ton
1	5;830	\$54.65	\$37.86	69.2
2 3	6,720	55.66	38.67 78.16	69.4
4 5	5,109	124.25	32.47	64.6
5	7,334	48.34	32.92	68.1

Space not permitting the remainder of all the mill runs, the total is here given as a whole:

Tons 56.656 Mill sample \$56.62 Yield a ton \$38.27

Yield %67.5

# SUMMARY OF MIDDLE MINES.

# FROM 1860 to 1875, AS TAKEN FROM REPORTS OF KING & RAYMOND SUMMARY - 1860 to 1875

Property	Tons	CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF THE P	OSTS		Assay	Bullion Yield per		Total
	Mined	Mining	Milling	Total	Value	Ton	Bullion	Value
Gould & Curry	311,171	\$10.72	\$12.80	23.52	77.48	50.30	15,629,235	
Savage	473,871	9.79	12.16	21.95	51.20	33.22	15,720,460	
	278,631	8.90	12.70	21.60	38.60	25.50	7,006,040	
Chollar- Potosi	416,419	6.40	13.00	19.40	41.60	27.00	12,201,000	
1,	479,092						\$50,556,735 77,21	

# AVERAGE COSTS

Mining . . . . . . \$ 9.00 Milling 12.70 Metallurg'l Loss . . 17.90

\$39.60 per ton

Profit . . . \$12.70 per ton

Lowest grade of any ore milled during this period was by the Savage Company, who, in 1873, milled ore that assayed them only \$20.40 per ton, returning them \$13.29 per ton in bullion.

Much of the above has been written so that it may be thoroughly understood that ore worth \$20.00 to \$25.00 a ton could not be mined at a profit, during operations in the Bonanza days.

Driven back to levels above the Sutro Tunnel, which now drains the ledge above the 2500 foot level, the companies tried to pay a profit by working over old ground. However they did not improve their milling methods, increase their

extraction or ore values, or reduce their power costs.

Pan amalgamation mills were still in vogue. Illustrative of anything that did not carry \$25.00 a ton or better, if a profit was to be realized, I give a 3 months run of 12 mines operating on the Comstock Lode in the year 1901.

	TONS	BULLION	COST	LOSS	YIELD PER TON
Belcher Con.Cal.Va.2 Chollar Imperial Challenge Crown Point Justice Overman Occidental	3,250 21,340 6,765 1,135 1,25 3,787 2,399 5,159 4,257	\$47,741 275,496 84,520 15,041 1,643 31,571 41,478 68,110 78,273	\$62,684 292,261 110,470 42,160 15,718 55,650 48,606 74,458 75,956	\$18,941 14,765 25,960 27,617 14,075 21,079 7,128 6,348 PROFIT	\$19.28 13.70 16.33 13.25 13.15 14.70 20.00 14.46 17.37
Savage Y. Jacket	9,622	130,058	142,278	12,220	14.79

Thus it is apparent that on old Company operation ore of a value which today would be considered "high grade", could not be made to pay. Consider this situation, as compared to our mining operations today. Our largest gold properties seldom carry assay values to exceed \$10.00 a ton, while millions of dollars in profit is derived annually from Canadian mines with an assay value of little more than half that amount.

In 1928 the Comstock Tunnel and Drainage Co., purchased all the mines owned or controlled by the Merger Company on the Comstock Lode, which includes everything south of Consolidated Virginia (see Longitudinal Map of the Lode) and the Sutro Tunnel Coalition Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Comstock Tunnel and Drainage Company, was formed and began development work under supervision of Mr. James Leonard on the Crown Point Mine in the Gold Hill section and Middle Lode Mines in the Virginia City section of the Lode. The writer has had the privilege of becoming intimately acquainted

with this development since February, 1930 and results obtained. RECENT CROWN POINT DEVELOPMENT Reference is here made to three maps which accompany this report. The ore body described is the upper one on the "Longitudinal Section" on the north end of Crown Point, Kentuck and Yellow Jacket. A "Cross Section" of the Lode at Crown Point indicated how the upper ore body has a westerly dip for several hundred feet. The Lode gradually straightening and eventually dipping easterly about 38° to 40° as far down as explored. The "Assay Map" is a plan of the new development which was started in 1928 and brought up to the present. A cross cut tunnel having a course about N60°W intersects the vein 210' from the portal approximately 145 feet under the railroad grade on the surface. This tunnel continues 40 feet through the ore body which is massive quartz. Assay values throughout the workings are indicated on the Assay Map at places where obtained. An offset was driven 15 feet southerly and a winze sunk on, or near the east wall of the lode on an incline with the dip of the ore body. The ore body has an average dip here of 53° 30' N.W. At a depth of 50 feet on the incline, being 42 feet in elevation, the second level is driven north following the

At a depth of 50 feet on the incline, being 42 feet in elevation, the second level is driven north following the east wall a distance of approximately 265 feet and south 35 feet. Five cross cuts have been driven westerly into the ore body. No. 3 crosscut showing 50 feet width of ore. From this cross cut a drift north and south is driven 150 in length along the west wall of the ore body, and an

exceedingly interesting exposure is here shown. The drift is through old stope fills and the assay results and shipping returns of ore taken out doing this work are equally as good as ore in place elsewhere. I might add the stope fills are the result of old timbers giving away. allowing the ground to crush and squeeze in thus filling the cavity itself with crushed ore left by the early day miners, being too low in grade for them to mine at a profit at that time. The winze continues down on the same incline, and at approximately 55 feet on the incline or 45 feet elevation below the 2nd level, the 3rd level is driven approximately 200 feet south, and 200 feet north of the winze. Ore shows 100 feet south and all the way north to the face of this drift. On this level No. 3 cross cut driven west shows a width of ore 65 feet across, the last 15 feet being in stope fills. South of the winze the ore body apparently narrows varying from 10 to 20 feet in width. Below the 3rd level the winze continues down on the same incline and at 60 feet in the dip being at an elevation of 48 feet below the 3rd level a station is cut and drifts north and south started, being 15 feet north and 10 feet south of the winze. Car samples hoisted from the north drift averaged \$11.39 a ton. TONNAGE. The Crown Point ore body is mostly a massive quartz with sections of calcite in evidence. The specific gravity is taken at 12 cubic feet to a ton. For purposes of estimating tonnage or ore in sight, 300 feet in length exposed is conservative. I am allowing 25 feet above the 1st level -12and 25 feet below the 3rd level for height of ore. Width of ore exposed in several places greatly exceeds my allowance, but 30 feet wide is apparently a fair estimate.

 $300 \times 150 \times 30$  equals 1,350,000 cubic feet, divided by 12 equals 112,500 tons.

As the north face of both 2nd and 3rd levels is still in ore of good value, and the bottom of the winze is like-wise in approximately the same value of ore, it is reasonable to suppose an additional 40,000 tons of "Probable Ore" exists.

# ORE VALUE

An explanation of ore shipped is here in order. During the course of development work, where the workings are run in the ore body, the rock was shipped. Following is a complete list of shipments giving dates, where shipped, and returns.

# SUTRO TUNNEL COALITION INC.

### ORE SHIPPED TO SMELTERS

### CROWN POINT MINE

## MASON VALLEY MINES CO.

Oct. 3; 1928 Nov.23; 1928 Dec.18; 1928 Jan.25; 1929	25.63 tons 30.838 " 26.743 " 28.974 "		\$19.98 22.46 26.05 14.90	\$512.09 692.61 696.65 431.71
Mar. 15, 1929 Mar. 9, 1929	55.729 "	•	20.63 TIONAL SMELTI	1149.68
May 8, 1929	48.943 tor		\$27.85	1362.61
Nov.14, 1929 Dec. 2, 1929 Mar.17, 1930	28.437 " 47,737 " 43.602 "	11	16.554 15.601 13.535	801.83 744.75 585.79
Apr. 4, 1930 May 16, 1930	47.599 " 57.163 "	11	12.936	615.74 508.18

AMERICAN SMELTING Oct. 7, 1929 43.69 tons at 18.95 827.92 TONOPAH MINING CO. Nov.24. 1930 55.269 tons at 15.484 855.81 DONOVAN REDUCTION July 17,1930 7.01 459.18 65.5 tons at Aug. 23,1930 100. 921.00 9.21 77 99 7.78 840.24 Dec. 10,1930 108 --944.64 7.38 May 19,1931 128 27 \*\* 48 6.93 332.64 100 99 12 614.00 Jan. 6:1932 6.41 June 22,1931 Bullion & Tailings from shipment to Trimble Mill 906.58

Here we have 1126.85 tons yielding \$14,830.62 being an average of 13.16 a ton. Gold taken at \$20.67 an ounce. Silver value equals or is less per ounce than today's quotation.

Mine samples considered amount to 523 assays. Gold taken at \$20.67 an ounce, and silver at 40¢ an ounce. Any assay above \$100 a ton was not included, there being 10 or 12 rejected from the list. The average struck from the above list is \$13.90 a ton. Ratio of gold to silver is .44 ounces gold to 12.03 ounces silver, in value being \$9.09 gold and \$4.81 silver. Percentage being 65% gold value to 35% silver.

Attention is called to the fact that \$13.16 a ton average value of shipped cre, and \$13.90 average value of ore sampled in the mine, is a check of 94.6% which is exceedingly close. Ore value is therefore set at an average of the two results above obtained, being \$13.53 a ton.

Figuring gold selling at \$30.00 an ounce and silver at 40¢ an ounce, this ore has a worth of \$18.01 a ton.

# GROSS VALUE OF ORE.

Taking a proven tonnage of 112,500 tons at an average value of \$13.53 we have 112,500 x \$13.53 equals

An additional 40,000 tons of probable ore

40,000 x \$13.53 equals

Value of proven and probable ore

\$2,063,325

Estimated Costs.

Treat 130 tons per day, 3900 tons per month, 46,800 tons per yr.

The writer is General Manager of the Arizona Comstock Corporation, now operating the Savage, Hale and Norcross, Chollar-Potosi Mines at Virginia City, known as the Middle Mines on the Comstock Lode. The properties above referred to are equipped with a modern Flotation Mill and at present mining and milling 130 tons of ore daily.

For the purpose of recording certain information that will no doubt be useful for your future operations at Crown Point the following figures are set up:

MINE LABOR	DAY	MONTH
1 Foreman	\$6.67	\$200.00
2 Hoist men	5.50	330.00
1 Blacksmith	5.50	165.00
1 Carpenter	5.50	165.00
1 Mechanic	5.50	165.00
40 Miners	4.50	5,400.00
4 Trammers	4.50	540.00
2 Top men	4.00	240.00
	Total	\$ 7.205.00

# Per ton \$1.84

MINE SUPPLIES	DAY	MONTH	COST PI	ER TO	ON
Assay	\$5.00	\$150.00	\$0.036	per	ton
Power	30.00	900.00	0.230	99	9.8
Timber	60.00	1.800.00	0.460	n	97
Explosives	15.00	450.00	0.115	66	**
Miscellaneous	20.00	600.00	0.154		**
	\$130.00	\$3,900.00	\$0.995	**	11

MILL LABOR	DAY	MONTH
1 Supt. 3 Flotation men 1 Crusher man 3 Laborers	\$6.67 4.50 4.50 4.00	\$200.00 405.00 135.00 360.00
	\$19.67	\$1,100.00
MILL SUPPLIES		
Power Reagents Balls and Liners Water Assays	\$37.00 15.00 13.97 13.00 8.00	\$1,110.00 450.00 419.00 390.00 240.00
	\$86.97	\$2,609.25
Cost	t per ton \$0.668	
TOTAL COST PER TON		
Mining Development	\$ 2.835	\$3,335
Milling Marketing Concen- trates	\$ 0.950 0.310	\$1.260
Compensation Insurance Supervision	\$0.129 0.230	\$0.359
Gold paid for by smelter @ 19.50 in place of 20.67	0.190	\$0.190
Taxes Depreciation Int. on Investment	\$0.025 0.037 0.019	0.081
Total cost	per ton	\$5.225
Estimated Profit Estimated recovery Gross value Mill head Recovery 90% Costs as above Estimated profit per	- 90% ds	<u>\$13.530</u> <u>12.177</u>
Treat 46,800 tons per Estimated costs	r annum \$569,8	83.60 30.00
Profit per annum Profit per month	\$325,3 27,1	53.60

At the above rate the present estimated ore bodies would last 39 months before exhaustion and yield an estimated profit of \$1,057,339.00

CONCLUSION: Reference is here made to a map showing the relation of a portion of Crown Point workings to the existing line of the V. & T. Railway, and proposed change of railway line. This change must be effected before the ore bodies described in this report can be extracted. While I have no detailed or specific information as to the cost of this change, I am informed it will be somewhere between \$40,000 to \$50,000. It is evident however, that this change is well justified and Crown Point in its present stage of development, has an ore body far too important and valuable to let this detail block it from going on production at once. I furthermore do not wish to close, leaving the impression that a great deal more tonnage of profitable ore may not be developed. On the contrary, the history of Crown Point is such as to lead those familiar with it, into every expectation of a far greater tonnage than is now exposed, both in the present upper horizon, as well as levels known locally as the Sturgis ore body, which is located at the south end of Crown Point and at a lower horizon. Yours respectfully. (Signed) Howard W. Squires. -17-