

British Columbia-Yukon Most Active Mining Spot

By BRUCE LEVITT
VANCOUVER (CP)—Tom Elliott, in mining for more than 25 years, says the British Columbia-Yukon section has become the most active spot in North America from a prospecting and exploring standpoint.

And much of this energy is going toward reopening old, abandoned workings or developing properties that have lain unworked for 50 years or more.

"Twenty-five years ago there were four or five big mining exploration companies at work in British Columbia," Mr. Elliott said in an interview.

At that time he was just starting out with the B.C.-Yukon Chamber of Mines, an institution he now heads as secretary - manager.

"Today there are about 50 top exploration companies in the area and they'll spend about \$10,000,000 in prospecting this year alone."

About 50 per cent of that expenditure will be used to explore already-staked areas.

"There's a saying in the mining business—the best place to look for ore is where there has been found," he said.

INVESTMENT WELCOME

"British Columbia's potential has not been fully recognized until the last five to 10 years.

Things really started to move five years ago. There developed a favorable climate for investment capital and risk money goes where the economic climate is good."

He cites four reasons behind the interest:

- The imagination and enterprise of promoters;
- Increased price of copper;
- Modern techniques in open-pit mining;
- Development of markets in conjunction with a more favorable business climate.

And he gives instances:

- Bethlehem Copper is a good example. This property was known 50 to 60 years ago. A bit of drilling had been done and the odd cuts that had been made were grown over with vegetation.

"Last winter a promoter went to a road-builder and offered to trade shares for bull-dozing work. They ran a cut 40 feet deep, 700 feet long through an area which had been considered low grade. This led to a richer zone than had been realized."

BACKED BY JAPANESE

There was, in addition to initiative, \$5,000,000 of Japanese risk capital in the venture.

Now, with a modern push-button mill on the property, Bethlehem's potential capacity is 4,000 tons a day of 1.12-per-cent copper worth just over \$6 a ton.

"Here is a new industry for the little town of Ashcroft, grossing something like \$20,000 a day," said Mr. Elliott.

He also cited the Phoenix Copper property operated by Granby Mining Company 60 years ago. The underground operation closed during the First World War.

Phoenix became a prime tourist attraction as a ghost town.

Eventually, the mine was acquired by W. E. McArthur of Greenwood, B.C., who later sold it back to Granby.

Now only the graveyard remains of the ghost town. Modern mine and mill buildings have been built and an economical operation has sprung up on an open-pit basis.

But copper isn't the only example.

As long ago as 30 years, forestry crews on Vancouver Island reported disturbances to their surveying instruments along a logging road in the Ucluelet district.

About five years ago, with a Japan-fostered demand for iron ore growing, a prospector borrowed a magnetometer and got good readings in the area. He came back with a diamond driller and they sank one hole—"right in the middle of one of the largest deposits of magnetite iron ore in B.C."

NEED RISK CAPITAL

The 2,400-ton mill on the site, operated by Brynmor Mines Limited, recently shipped the largest single freight cargo ever to leave B.C.—30,000 tons of concentrates to Japan.

Also on Vancouver Island is the example of Western Mines Limited at Butte Lake.

"All the big companies had looked it over 40 years ago," Mr. Elliott says.

"Shallow drilling showed little. Two years ago you could have bought the shares for 20 cents each. Then someone sank a deep drill hole.

"They knew where to look



EXPLORERS GRADUATE

A graduation service at the Cape Traverse United Church

Sunday evening saw five ex-plorers move up to the regular OGGT group. They are, from left to right, Jacqueline How-

att, Julie Howatt, Heather MacWilliams, Marjorie Stevenson and Judy Paynter.



PREPARING FOR JULY

These two RCN handsmen are included in the contingent which will perform the Navy's famed Sunset Ceremony on Parliament Hill on July 1. They are: PO K. W. MacPhail, Charlottetown, P.E.I. (left),

and PO C. R. Decker, Shelburne, N.S. Taking part in the ceremony will be a guard made up of new entry seamen under training at HMCS Cornwallis, near Digby, N.S., and members of the Cornwallis band. (National Defence Photo)

Woman Finds Injury Improves Her Work

By EDNA BLAKELY
OTTAWA (CP)—Mavis Saurer, artist wife of a Swiss embassy attache here, was originally right-handed but discovered she could paint better with her left hand after getting the right one caught in a washing-machine wringer a year ago.

"Now I use both hands and my work has improved," she said in an interview. "Maybe one's spiritual and the other one's of the flesh."

She produces 15 to 20 canvases a year and recently held her first one-woman show here.

Receiving the most attention was *The Red Dancer*, a canvas

"Maybe it's because of the austerity of the climate that people have an overwhelming desire for color. They seem to need that warmth around them."

DESIGNED DRESSES

She is particularly pleased with her new home in Ottawa because she has a studio "as big as a bowling alley."

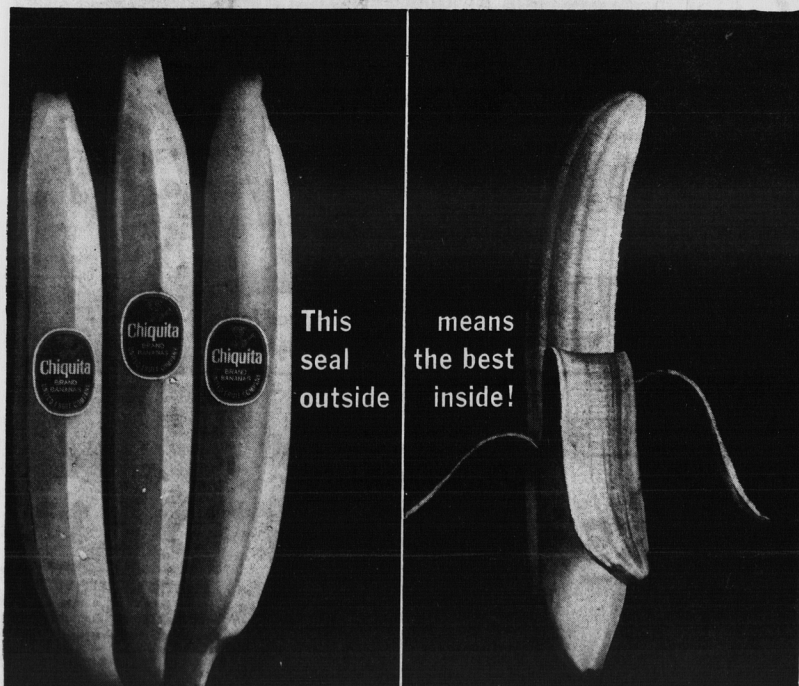
At the suggestion of a friend, she began signing her work Sivam, which is Mavis spelled backwards. During an Indian posting she learned it was the name of an ancient god of prosperity.

Since her 1947 marriage she has lived in Australia, Switzerland, India, France and the United States. Her most productive painting period came in India.

"With all the servants I didn't have a jolly thing to do so I spent the three years painting," the vivacious silver-haired painter said.

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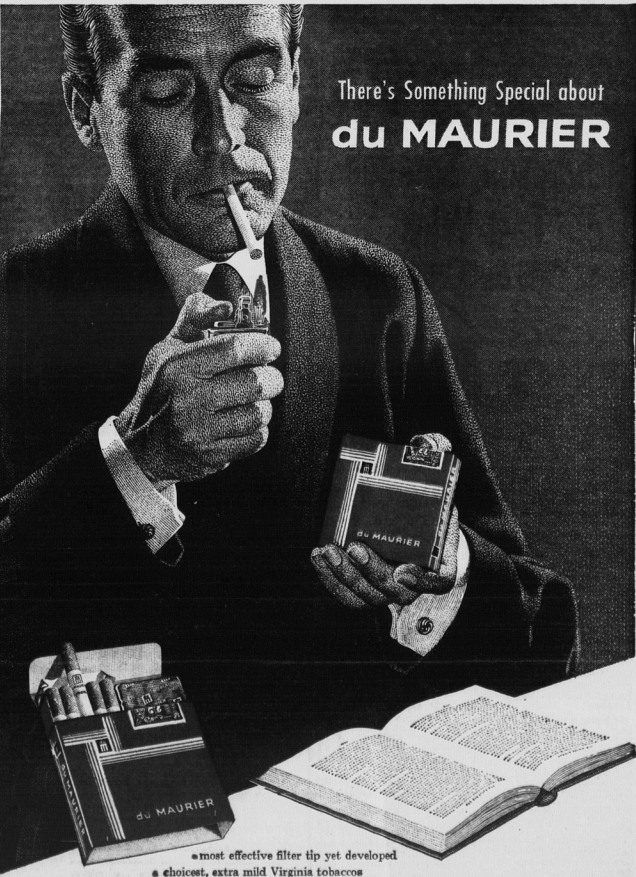
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