

VICKERS CREEK

Many people still consider Vickers Creek to be an important clue to the location of the legendary gold deposit. Vickers Creek was of interest to myself during the early stages of my research. It was one of several locations incorporated into a triangulation theory used to calculate possible gold deposits within the geographical fault areas common to the overall search area.

Vickers Creek flows into Pitt Lake a short distance southeast of the head of the lake. The area was of considerable interest to the mining community during the early 1900s and apparently, to a lesser degree, still is today. Given the continuing interest in the area, a brief mining history of Vickers Creek is offered for further consideration.

In 1908, the mineral claims on Vickers Creek were extensively worked by the Golden Ears group. This mining group was primarily interested in the copper-sulfide deposit discovered in the area.

In June 1914, a shipment of 2 tons of ore was sent to the smelter in Tacoma Washington. This shipment yielded: Gold, trace; Silver, 5.46 oz. to the ton and Copper, 11.39 per cent.

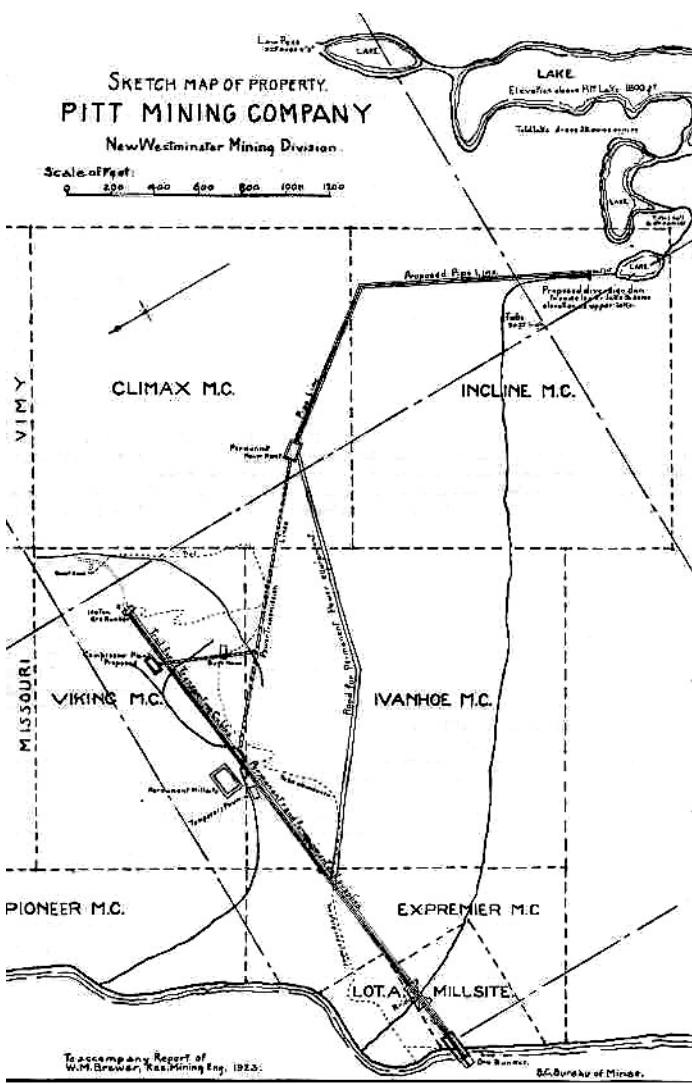
In July 1914, 10 tons of ore was sent to the smelter in Tacoma. This shipment yielded: Gold, trace; Silver, 4.76 oz. to the ton and Copper 10.27 per cent. Again that year another 9 tons was smelted. This shipment yielded: Gold, trace; Silver, 4.38 oz. to the ton and Copper, 9.62 per cent

In 1915 the claims changed hands and the Viking Mining Company took possession of the mineral rights. The mining company had great expectations for their property and did considerable amount of development work on the mine. They also erected an aerial tramway from the mine site to a bunker on Pitt Lake.

In 1916, another shipment of 162 tons of ore was sent to the Tacoma smelter. This shipment yielded: Gold, 0.02 oz. to the ton; Silver, 2.5 oz. to the ton and Copper, 4.1 per cent.

In 1918 and 1919, the claims were owned by a mining group called the Luck Four. In 1921, the Pitt Lake Mining Company, under the direction of Mr. William Henry Wolley of Vancouver, assumed possession of the property.

According to the 1923 Report of the Minister of Mines, there are two mineral bearing veins on the Vickers Creek properties. These veins are filled with quartz, calc-spar, kaolin and bracciated wall rock and mineralized with pyrhotite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, covellite, and some sphalerite.



Sketch of the Pitt Lake Mining Company Development Plans - 1923