

February 3, 1939

Campbell Mining Co.
84 William Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Attention: H.E. McKinstry

In reply to your letter of January 27, concerning the Columbia mine:

According to our records, we find the following on page 65 of the Mines Handbook for 1916:

"Since the above was written in December, 1914, O.D. Glover succeeded to the management of the Columbia mine which had been under Mr. F.S. Baillie's management for about 20 years. The company continued operation of the mine and mill as usual until October 15, 1916, when according to press reports the mill closed down, Mr. Glover retired from the management, and only a small crew is to remain at the mine in charge of the foreman."

In Mineral Resources of the United States published by the U.S. Geological Survey for the year 1917 we find on page 244 the following statement:

"The same may be said of both deep and placer mines in the Cracker Creek district, one deep mine which was a large producer in 1916 having been closed entirely at the end of that year."

Again in Mineral Resources, U.S.G.S., 1918, we find the following statements on page 456:

"Cracker Creek district.--The two deep mines operating in the Cracker Creek district are the Taber Fraction Mines Co., at Bourne, and the Fraction Mine, near Sumpter. The Taber Fraction has a shaft 300 feet deep, but in 1918 mined its ore through tunnels of the Eureka and Excelsior mines. The mine was only operated from January to May, 1918, and the highly siliceous sulphide ore was shipped to the Tacoma smelter."

Apparently, according to statistics of the U.S. Geological Survey, there was no production from the Columbia mine either in 1917 or 1918. The writer is somewhat familiar with the North Pole-Columbia lode, he having been in each one of the mines in 1914 for the purpose of getting material for the publication of vol. 1, no. 8, Ore Deposits of Northeastern Oregon, a copy of which we presume you have. Naturally he would be watching for reports of any mine there as having gone into production again.

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In order to make a final check up directly in Baker, Oregon, we suggest you write Mr. N.T. Chestnut of the Campbell, Oregon Mining Company, requesting him to make inquiry at the banks in Baker as to whether there has actually been any production from the Columbia mine since November, 1916. Sorry that we cannot give you a final statement as to production in these years.

Very truly yours,

A.M. Swartley,
Consulting Mining Engineer.

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R. POTTER CAMPBELL
PRESIDENT

January 27, 1939.

Mr. Ray C. Treasher, Geologist
State Department of Geology & Mineral Industries
329 S.W. Oak Street
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I am taking advantage of your very kind offer to be of assistance to us.

We are anxious to obtain, if possible, some figures on the production during the last years of operation of the Columbia Mine at Bourne, Oregon. I think that we have fairly complete data up to the end of 1914. We have in addition a record of production by the Backus Brooks Company from January 1st, 1915, to November 30, 1916 of 27711 tons valued at \$274,194. Subsequent to this we have no records although we are advised that the mine operated until 1918.

If your records show any production for this period or if you can suggest any source from which we might be able to obtain it, we will be very grateful to you.

Yours very truly,



H. E. McKinstry

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