

Queen of Bronze Mine Slates Copper Concentrates Shipments to Japan

First shipments of copper concentrates and ores from the Queen of Bronze mine near Takilma to Japan under a five-year contract between Waite Mineral Inc. of Grants Pass and North American Mineral and Metal Corporation, in connection with Tokyo Merchandise company Ltd. and Nippon Mining company, are scheduled for late in November, it was announced here today by L. R. Davenport, secretary-treasurer of Waite Minerals Inc.

Under the terms of the five-year contract, shipments from Queen of Bronze are to approximate 30,000 tons during the next two years.

Davenport said that the contract is for the entire output of the mine at a set price. First shipments will be via Portland but arrangements are being made for shipping facilities at Crescent City, it was announced.

Sidney L. Jaffe, representative of North American, and T. Takahashi of the Japanese contracting

concerns personally examined the mining property and executed the contract, Davenport said. The Japanese interests include seven of Japan's largest smelters, he added.

Mr. Jaffe stated that as a first operation it is planned to leach the copper from the approximately 200,000 tons of dump ore, containing from one and a half per cent to four per cent copper, which is stockpiled at the mines from previous operations. Arrangements have already been made for the installation of tanks and other equipment, necessary before the ore can be put through the leaching process. This equipment is expected to be in production by November of this year, and will produce copper precipitate at the rate of approximately eight to ten tons daily, the precipitate will average about 75 per cent copper content.

In conjunction with the leaching of the dump ores, reopening and mining of several of the more high-grade stopes will be undertaken. It is estimated by both Bureau of Mines figures and private findings that there are several hundred thousand tons of high grade ore running two per cent to ten per cent in the Queen of Bronze and associated properties.

The Queen of Bronze was mined extensively during the early part of this century and several million dollars worth of ore was taken from it.

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LOCAL WEATHER REPORT

Minimum temperature this morning 30 degrees, maximum Thursday 68. (City filtration plant weather station readings.)

Grants Pass and vicinity — Fair through Saturday; some morning fog. Low Friday night 32; high Saturday 64.

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• Queen of Bronze Mining & Smelting Co., of Grants Pass, has sent an initial shipment of about 1,000 tons of copper concentrate to the Tokyo Boeki Shokai, a Japanese trading company, for use in Japanese smelters. The company has agreed to send between 19,000 and 28,000 tons during a one year period.



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