

WARDLAW PROSPECT (ALBERTON)

South east of Alberton township and two miles distant therefrom a number of quartz veins have been exposed in trenches and adits near the bottom of the valley of Alberton Rivulet. In many respects these veins are similar to those being developed on the Ringarooma-United properties, presenting features almost exactly identical therewith. They consist of north-easterly trending lode fissures intersected by north-westerly fault fissures, both having been formed prior to ore-deposition. Here, however, the ore occurs in quartzite as well as slate, and is, consequently, more irregular in outline, size and continuity. The average grade of ore is represented by the following analysis:-

Adit	Gold	4 dwt. 17 gr.	per ton
	Silver	2 dwt. 15 gr.	" "
South Trench	Gold	5 dwt. 5 gr.	" "
	Silver	3 dwt. 22 gr.	" "
Blue Quartz	Gold	8 dwt. 15 gr.	" "
	Silver	9 dwt. 4 gr.	" "
Blue Quartz	Gold	17 dwt. 0 gr.	" "
	Silver	13 dwt. 2 gr.	" "

These results of analysis indicate that the material is of fair quality near the points of intersection of lode and fault fissures. However, the shoots of ore are very short and the veins are very narrow and irregular - so small as to preclude the possibility of operation with success. There is, moreover, no evidence to indicate that the veins will show an improvement in valuable constituents, length of shoot, or width either along the strike or the dip. The prospect presents features sufficiently encouraging to lead the prospector to further expense, which, however, is not warranted as based on the evidence at hand.

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