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Arsenic Analyses by Mines and Technical Surveys

On January 11 Mr. Monkman sent to Mines Branch, attention Mr. McCree, the snow and vegetation samples collected by Mr. Windish at Yellowknife in December.

Mr. Monkman has called Mr. McCree routinely about once a week but due to staff shortage and pressure of other work the analyses have not been carried out.

To-day, I called Mr. R.A. Rogers who is Mr. McCree's immediate superior. Mr. Rogers will do what he can to expedite the analyses but is seven men short on his staff.

Mr. Rogers mentioned the discrepancy between McCree's and Monkman's analyses and said that they had found their arsenic analyses low in the case of an iron sample which was analysed by two other groups. As a result he has some doubt about all the arsenics they did for us. They have now gone to the Gutzeit method proposed by Mr. Monkman.

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