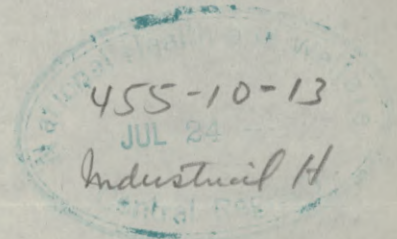


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Ottawa, 21 July, 1950.

W.J. Jewitt, Esq.,
Manager of Mines,
Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.,
Trail, B.C.



Dear Mr. Jewitt:

With the return of Dr. K. Kay, Department of National Health & Welfare, to Ottawa, following his investigation into arsenic disposal at Yellowknife, a discussion was held in my office with officers of this Department, the Mines Branch, and the Department of National Health and Welfare. Two proposals were submitted; one by Mr. McNiven for underground storage, the other by Mr. Muir to use Veronica Lake. I am attaching a copy of my letter of even date to Mr. Muir, which contains the views of the Departmental officers on both of these methods of arsenic disposal.

We also discussed the results of the disposal method being followed at the Con Mine where the slurry contained in the pits from the impinger is contaminating the surrounding nearby water bodies. You are well aware of this in tests of water made this spring and I must emphasize that all Departments involved view the situation with alarm. I can only reiterate what was said in a letter to Mr. Muir and Mr. McNiven, that we feel the solution of the arsenic problem rests with the mining companies, and it is up to them to work out a method which will assure competent authorities that there is no escape of arsenic from the rock basin. So far, your method does not fulfill this condition. We would like to hear from you further as to the success of your undertaking and you may be assured that the various departments concerned will continue to make their scientific services available.

Yours very truly,

R.A. Gibson,
Director.

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