

# **G** IANT YELLOWKNIFE GOLD MINES LIMITED

(NO PERSONAL LIABILITY)

*Annual Report*

*For Year Ended May 31,*

*1951*

*Ninth  
Annual Report*

*Annual Meeting of Shareholders*

Monday, September 17, 1951, at 10 a.m. (E.D.S.T.)

in the Blue Room

King Edward Hotel,

37 King Street East, Toronto, Canada.



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"C" SHAFT — TREATMENT PLANT AREA.



# Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited

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## HEAD OFFICE:

25 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario

## MINE OFFICE:

Yellowknife, N.W.T.

## OFFICERS:

T. LINDSLEY  
President

A. J. ANDERSON  
Vice-President

W. B. MALONE  
Treasurer

A. C. CALLOW  
Secretary

## DIRECTORS:

T. LINDSLEY  
R. PIELSTICKER

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J. BRADLEY STREIT

W. F. JAMES

A. K. MUIR  
General Manager

A. S. DADSON  
Consulting Geologist

E. V. NEELANDS  
Consulting Engineer

## TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS:

THE STERLING TRUSTS CORPORATION  
372 Bay Street, Toronto 1

REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER COMPANY  
2 Rector Street, New York 6, N.Y.,  
15 Exchange Place, Jersey City 2, N.J.

## BANKERS:

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE  
Toronto, Ontario

## AUDITORS:

GUNN, ROBERTS AND CO.  
Toronto

## SOLICITORS:

ROBERTS, ARCHIBALD, SEAGRAM  
& COLE  
Toronto

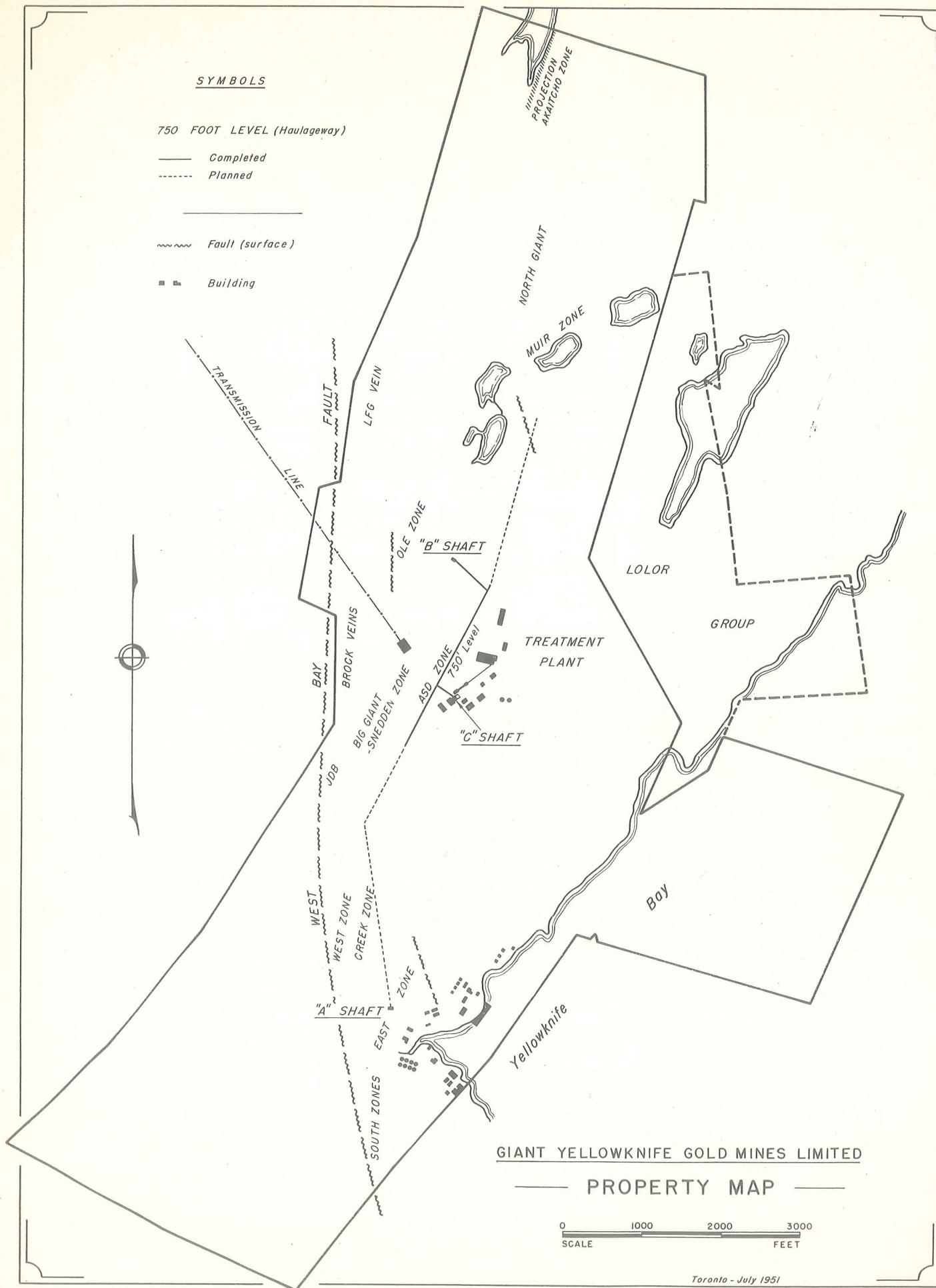
SYMBOLS

750 FOOT LEVEL (Haulageway)

— Completed  
 - - - - - Planned

~~~~~ Fault (surface)

■ ■ ■ Building



# Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Toronto, Ontario,  
August 9th, 1951.

To the Shareholders,  
Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited.

Your Directors respectfully submit for your consideration the Annual Report of your Company for the year ended May 31st, 1951. A report by the General Manager, and a Balance Sheet with Statement of Operations, are included.

Production results for the year were encouraging; net profit after all write-offs amounts to \$1,205,889.94. In accordance with the long-range policy of building up the operation to its maximum economic rate, substantial expenditures were made on the construction of plant and camp buildings and on the major development program at C (No. 3) Shaft. The entire cost of the development and expansion program during the year, amounting to more than one and a half million dollars, was paid for from earnings, all loans were fully paid off, and working capital was increased by approximately \$580,000.

As three years of operation were completed on May 31st, 1951, the exemption from Dominion income tax as a new mine ceased on that date. However, in its taxable years, the Company will be allowed substantial write-offs, including those amounts written off on its books during the exemption period but which were deferred for tax purposes.

This year's financial statements include a statement of Source and Application of Funds which shows the disposition made of the earnings of the Company. You will note that construction supplies and mine stores were increased; this is chiefly to provide for the materials required for the expansion program. Additions to buildings, machinery and equipment include the C Shaft headframe and bins, shops and warehouses, new bunk houses and other housing in the camp area, and the major portion of the cost of the Cottrell plant which is to be completed this summer. Deferred development consisted chiefly of the completion of the sinking program at C Shaft, and lateral development from the new levels established at that Shaft.

Steady progress is being made towards the objective of a production rate of 700 tons per day, which it is hoped will be achieved in a year from now. Plans are also being prepared for a further increase to 1,000 tons per day if conditions permit. The mine is capable of expansion well beyond that point but, until the picture is clearer regarding the future of gold, perhaps it would be wise to postpone consideration of anything beyond 1,000 tons per day for the present.

Development work from C Shaft is proceeding actively and the disclosures so far are well up to expectations. The General Manager's Report will give you the details. Before long, consideration will have to be given to a new exploratory shaft situated somewhere between B Shaft and the northern boundary. Your Directors believe that this section offers attractive possibilities and the area will be attacked as soon as conditions permit.

The supply of skilled miners is at present a source of concern to your Directors, and the intense mining and industrial activity in the Western Provinces is drawing many miners to that area.

Once more your Directors wish to express their gratitude for the excellent conduct of the affairs of your Company by your capable General Manager, Mr. A. K. Muir, and his loyal staff and employees.

On behalf of the Board,

T. LINDSLEY,  
President.



# Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited

(No Personal Liability)

## STATEMENT OF EARNED SURPLUS

For the year ended May 31, 1951

|                                                           |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Balance at June 1, 1950 .....                             | \$ 624,645.93          |
| Net profit for the year ended May 31, 1951 .....          | 1,205,889.94           |
|                                                           | <u>\$ 1,830,535.87</u> |
| Deduct interest in Resdelta Timber Ltd. written off ..... | 24,000.00              |
|                                                           | <u>\$ 1,806,535.87</u> |

## STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

For the year ended May 31, 1951

Funds were obtained from operations as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                   |                        |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Net profit as per statement of operations .....                                                                                                   | \$ 1,205,889.94        |  |
| Add amortization, depreciation and loss on disposals of<br>buildings, machinery and equipment which did not<br>require current cash outlays ..... | 1,229,282.90           |  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | <u>\$ 2,435,172.84</u> |  |
| Deduct interest in Resdelta Timber Ltd. written off to<br>surplus during year .....                                                               | 24,000.00              |  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | <u>\$ 2,411,172.84</u> |  |

Funds were applied as follows:

|                                                                                                         |                        |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Increase in construction supplies and mine stores .....                                                 | \$ 288,621.97          |                      |
| Additions to buildings, machinery and equipment less<br>proceeds from disposals .....                   | 1,133,244.39           |                      |
| Payment on option to purchase Lolor Group mining<br>claims (and exploration expenditures thereon) ..... | 28,548.37              |                      |
| Shaft sinking and other deferred development ex-<br>penditures .....                                    | 382,026.31             |                      |
| Increase in sundry deferred charges and prepaid expenses .....                                          | 46,934.18              |                      |
|                                                                                                         | <u>\$ 1,879,375.22</u> |                      |
| Less decrease in advances on machinery orders and<br>to contractors .....                               | 47,903.97              | 1,831,471.25         |
|                                                                                                         |                        | <u>\$ 579,701.59</u> |
| Leaving a balance to increase working capital of .....                                                  |                        |                      |
| Working capital at May 31, 1950 .....                                                                   | \$ 43,106.35           |                      |
| Add increase as above .....                                                                             | 579,701.59             |                      |
|                                                                                                         | <u>\$ 622,807.94</u>   |                      |

# Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited

(No Personal Liability)

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended May 31, 1951

### Metal Production:

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Gold 111,496.799 oz. .... | \$ 4,164,439.96 |
| Silver 35,039.45 oz. .... | 30,704.32       |

### Deduct:

|                          |                 |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                          | \$ 4,195,144.28 |                 |
| Marketing expenses ..... | 37,106.64       | \$ 4,158,037.64 |

### Add:

|                                                                           |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Estimated assistance under The Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act ..... | 267,873.99             |
|                                                                           | <u>\$ 4,425,911.63</u> |

### Operating Expenses:

|                                                                                 |              |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Surface exploration .....                                                       | \$ 34,774.50 |                        |
| Current mine development .....                                                  | 131,584.60   |                        |
| Stope preparation .....                                                         | 141,016.82   |                        |
| Stoping .....                                                                   | 555,994.45   |                        |
| Milling and roasting .....                                                      | 651,124.29   |                        |
| Undistributed cost of primary power used for secondary purposes .....           | 38,223.11    |                        |
| Engineering, geological, warehousing supervision and mine office expenses ..... | 170,970.04   |                        |
| General expenses at the property .....                                          | 188,441.73   |                        |
| Administrative and corporate expenses .....                                     | 63,528.24    |                        |
| Interest on bank loans .....                                                    | 3,586.17     | 1,979,243.95           |
|                                                                                 |              | <u>\$ 2,446,667.68</u> |

|                                                                             |               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Amortization of preproduction expenses .....                                | \$ 324,258.97 |              |
| Amortization of shaft sinking and other deferred development expenses ..... | 112,595.94    |              |
| Depreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment .....                    | 777,497.12    |              |
| Loss on disposals of buildings, machinery and equipment .....               | 14,930.87     | 1,229,282.90 |

### Deduct:

|                                                     |              |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Provision for royalty to Government of Canada ..... | \$ 30,758.22 |                        |
| Less prior year adjustment .....                    | 12,929.73    | 17,828.49              |
|                                                     |              | <u>\$ 1,199,556.29</u> |

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Miscellaneous income ..... | 6,333.65 |
|----------------------------|----------|

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Net Profit ..... | <u>\$ 1,205,889.94</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|

Note: The Company is exempt from income taxes of Canada for the year ended May 31, 1951, under Section 74 of The Income Tax Act.



# GIANT YELLOWKNIFE GOLD MINES LTD.

(NO PERSONAL ACCOUNTS)

(Incorporated under the Laws of Canada)

## Balance Sheet —

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

|                                                                                                                     |            |            |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand and in bank .....                                                                                      | \$         | 782,213.83 |              |
| Bullion on hand and in transit .....                                                                                |            | 227,514.41 |              |
| Government bonds on deposit with Northwest Territories<br>Power Commission at cost (market value \$46,450.00) ..... |            | 49,875.00  |              |
| Accounts and accrued interest receivable .....                                                                      |            | 26,844.82  |              |
| Estimated amount receivable under The Emergency Gold<br>Mining Assistance Act .....                                 | 213,000.00 | \$         | 1,299,448.06 |

#### Fixed Assets:

|                                                                                                        |              |              |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mining claims acquired for 1,200,000 shares issued at par<br>and \$500.00 cash .....                   | \$           | 1,200,500.00 |              |
| Buildings, machinery and equipment at cost \$ 5,322,597.47<br>Less depreciation provided to date ..... | 1,916,381.82 | 3,406,215.65 | 4,606,715.65 |

#### Construction Supplies and Mines Stores at Cost:

|                  |    |            |              |
|------------------|----|------------|--------------|
| On hand .....    | \$ | 801,151.67 |              |
| In transit ..... |    | 495,425.49 | 1,296,577.16 |

#### Option to Purchase Mining Claims Contiguous to Company's Properties .....

50,000.00

#### Other Assets:

|                                 |    |           |           |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|
| Advances to contractor .....    | \$ | 3,500.00  |           |
| Prepaid expenses .....          |    | 36,347.25 |           |
| Deposits and other assets ..... |    | 6,429.00  | 46,276.25 |

#### Expenditures Deferred to Future Operations:

|                                                                      |            |              |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Preproduction expenses .....                                         | \$         | 2,161,726.50 |                        |
| Less amortized to date .....                                         | 972,776.93 | \$           | 1,188,949.57           |
| Deferred shaft sinking and other develop-<br>ment expenditures ..... | \$         | 750,639.60   |                        |
| Less amortized to date .....                                         | 176,176.53 | 574,463.07   |                        |
| Sundry deferred charges .....                                        |            | 58,022.33    | 1,821,434.97           |
|                                                                      |            |              | <u>\$ 9,120,452.09</u> |

### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have made an examination of the balance sheet of Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Ltd. and earned surplus for the year then ended and have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit in accordance with the auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other

In our opinion the above balance sheet and related statements of operations and earned surplus for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, present a true and correct view of the financial position of the company at the end of the year, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the company.

Toronto, August 9, 1951.

# GOLD MINES LIMITED

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ws of the Province of Ontario)

— May 31, 1951

## LIABILITIES

### Current Liabilities:

|                                                |              |               |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Payrolls payable .....                         | \$ 45,527.83 |               |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities ..... | 631,112.29   | \$ 676,640.12 |

### Capital and Surplus:

#### Capital Stock:

|                                            |                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Authorized—4,000,000 shares of \$1.00 each |                 |
| Issued —4,000,000 shares .....             | \$ 4,000,000.00 |
| Premium less discount .....                | 2,637,276.10    |

|                                       |                 |              |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                       | \$ 6,637,276.10 |              |
| Earned surplus as per statement ..... | 1,806,535.87    | 8,443,811.97 |

\$ 9,120,452.09

### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

es Limited (No Personal Liability) as at May 31, 1951, and the related statements of operations  
planations we have required. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted  
h other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

earned surplus present fairly the financial position of the company at May 31, 1951, and the  
counting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, according to  
of the company.

GUNN, ROBERTS and CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.



# Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited

(No Personal Liability)

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## REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

August 1st, 1951.

The President and Directors,  
Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited.

Dear Sirs:

The following report on the operations of the Company for the fiscal year ended May 31st, 1951, is submitted for your consideration.

The major projects during the year were the completion of sinking at C (No. 3) Shaft and commencement of lateral development from that opening, the construction of additional service buildings in the C Shaft — Treatment Plant area and of living accommodation at the main camp, and the preliminary work in connection with the proposed increase in the milling rate to 700 tons per day.

Sinking at C Shaft was completed to the initial objective of 1,029 feet during the summer of 1950. At the end of the fiscal year, lateral work was well advanced on the bottom (750) level with very encouraging results in the development to date. The connection on 750 level to B (No. 2) Shaft workings was made in June, 1951, and this drive, and its extension to the north, will be used for ore haulage to C Shaft and for development of the B Shaft structure, including the 409 and "Lower" orebodies, on this level. At B Shaft, from which practically all the mill feed was obtained during the year, work was confined to stope preparation and mining, with minor primary development on the first level. Stopping operations have continued to produce consistently high grade ore at this shaft.

The milling rate was maintained at an average of approximately 415 tons per calendar day with mill heads averaging 0.84 oz/ton. At this tonnage, and with the ratio of concentration being obtained on B Shaft ore, the roasting plant is operating at about its effective capacity. Overall extraction, at 87.2%, was slightly improved over the previous year.

As noted in the last Annual Report, orders were placed for a Cottrell plant for the collection of arsenic from the roaster fumes. The electrical equipment was delivered to the property last summer, but delays in fabrication of the building steel work prevented delivery during the navigation season. In order to expedite the installation of this plant, the steel work was shipped from the railhead to the mine by winter freight during April and May, and erection of the plant was commenced immediately.

Following the decision to increase the milling rate to 700 tons per day, designs were completed and orders placed for the additional flotation and cyanidation equipment required, and for a roaster of the fluo-solids type. Roasting capacity in the new and existing units will be about 110 tons of concentrates per day, equivalent to a milling rate of from 800 to 1,000 tons per day at the average ratio of concentration expected from the ore developed to date. The addition to the existing mill building will be of the same size as the original unit so that additional grinding and other equipment can be installed for further expansion when warranted. Construction work was commenced on this project during the year under



review, and if deliveries are made on schedule and the additional labour is available, the increase should come into effect during the second quarter of 1952.

The cost of labour and supplies increased substantially during the year, but operating costs per ton were reduced, due chiefly to the increase in the average milling rate as compared with the previous fiscal year. Labour turnover continued to be high, and there is no indication at present of any improvement in this situation.

## TREATMENT PLANT

The following is a summary of operating data, extraction and recoveries. During the year, the average price received for gold was \$37.35 per ounce, while the price of Silver averaged 87.6 cents per ounce.

|                                      |           |    |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----|-------|
| Dry Tons Milled: Year .....          | 151,814   |    |       |
| Average per day .....                | 415.9     |    |       |
| Calculated Mill Heads, per ton ..... | 0.842 oz. | \$ | 31.45 |

### Recoveries

|                                                                            |                |    |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----|--------|
| (a) by Amalgamation .....                                                  | 22,190.05 ozs. |    |        |
| (b) in Flotation Concentrates                                              |                |    |        |
| Tons Concentrates produced .....                                           | 17,659         |    |        |
| Average Grade, per ton .....                                               | 5.597 oz.      | \$ | 209.05 |
| Ratio of Concentration .....                                               | 8.6 to 1       |    |        |
| Flotation Tailings, per ton .....                                          | 0.051 oz.      | \$ | 1.90   |
| Combined Extraction by Amalgamation and<br>in Flotation Concentrates ..... | 94.65%         |    |        |
| (c) by Roasting and Cyanidation                                            |                |    |        |
| Tons Treated .....                                                         | 17,659         |    |        |
| Gold recovered .....                                                       | 89,306.75 ozs. |    |        |
| Extraction .....                                                           | 90.35%         |    |        |
| Cyanide Residues, per ton of calcine ---                                   | 0.691 oz       | \$ | 25.81  |
| Indicated Overall Extraction .....                                         | 87.2%          |    |        |

### Summary of Recoveries

|                                 |                |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gold: by Amalgamation .....     | 22,190.05      |                 |                 |
| by Cyanidation .....            | 89,306.75      | 111,496.80 ozs. | \$ 4,164,439.96 |
| Silver: Total Recovered .....   | 35,039.45 ozs. |                 | 30,704.32       |
| Gross Value of Production ..... |                |                 | \$ 4,195,144.28 |

## UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

### C (No. 3) Shaft

Sinking of this main production opening reached the initial objective at 1,029 feet in July, 1950, with partial station cutting at the 100, 250, 425, 575, 750 and 950 levels, and at the 900 ft. horizon for the main loading pocket. Initial station cutting was also carried out at the 810 ft. horizon for a future underground crusher station. During the following months, station cutting was completed on all levels from the 250 to the 750 horizons and ore and waste passes were driven from the loading pocket to the 750 and 575 levels. Drifting on the 750 horizon, the bottom working level, was started in January, 1951, at three shifts per day to the north and on a two-shift basis to the south. At May 31st, these headings were respectively 1,450 feet north and 860 feet south of the C Shaft section. The crosscut westerly





## Production

During the year, 151,814 tons of ore were milled, of which 147,393 tons were obtained from B shaft workings and 4,421 tons from final clean-up of No. 1 Ore Dump.

B Shaft production was obtained from fifteen active stopes, of which six were in course of preparation during the year, with a limited tonnage from development on the first level.

## Ore Position (B Shaft)

Developed ore reserves at this shaft at the end of the fiscal year were estimated at 590,000 tons averaging 0.73 oz/ton, including pillars and allowing for normal dilution. Broken ore reserves, which are included in this total, reached a maximum of 103,500 tons in November, 1950, and have since been reduced to 91,000 tons averaging 0.72 oz/ton at the end of the fiscal year. This reduction is largely due to the change-over to cut-and-fill methods of stoping.

Preliminary estimates from diamond drilling only in the 409 and Lower orebodies, including additional drilling during the fiscal year, indicate approximately 676,000 tons averaging 0.62 oz/ton, including dilution allowance, above the 750 level. The development planned for the present fiscal year will bring at least a portion of this tonnage into the Developed Ore category.

## RESUMÉ OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

With completion of sinking at C Shaft, lateral development is being carried to the north and south on the 750 level and drifting has also been started in the upper horizons of the ASD zone. Connection to B Shaft has been made from the 750 level north heading, and this drive will be continued to the north to develop the 409 and Lower orebodies. As noted previously, cross-sectional diamond drilling from this heading has already indicated apparently continuous ore of good grade for a length of 1,300 feet north of the shaft crosscut.

The south heading on the 750 level has as its objective the development of the ASD Zone south of C Shaft and connection with A (No. 1) Shaft, which will be deepened to that horizon. Development of the Creek Zone, West Zone, East Zone, and the South Zones will be carried out as soon as the connection to A Shaft workings is completed. The earlier work in these zones, including surface diamond drilling and preliminary development from A Shaft, indicated approximately 1,000,000 tons of ore averaging 0.40 oz/ton, with normal dilution allowance, above the 325 level; of which over 80% was well above this average grade.

## EXPLORATION FROM SURFACE

Surface drilling, amounting to 14,285 feet, was carried out during the summer of 1950, chiefly as exploratory drilling in the northern portion of the property. While the holes were widely spaced, three potential ore structures were indicated, — the southerly extension of the Akaitcho zone, the flat-lying North Giant zone, and the easterly dipping Muir zone.

In the Muir zone, important intersections were obtained in four holes at depths between 300 and 500 feet; respectively 5.5 feet at 0.53 oz/ton, 29 feet at 0.57 oz/ton, 154 feet averaging 0.47 oz/ton, and 5 feet of 1.00 oz/ton. Although further work is required to determine its shape and extent, it is considered from previous drilling experience that the presence of an orebody has been established.

No ore was proven in the North Giant zone, but several intersections of good grade were obtained, indicating the possibility of defining ore shoots by more detailed work in this area.



Two holes, drilled on a section 600 feet south of the Akaitcho boundary, intersected the extension of the Akaitcho zone. The upper hole obtained a core length of 14 feet averaging 0.18 oz/ton at a depth of 500 feet and the lower hole cut 12 feet at 0.26 oz/ton at a depth of 600 feet. The presence of the Akaitcho zone at this location on the property opens up excellent possibilities for exploration of this structure both on strike and dip.

Two holes drilled jointly by Atlas Yellowknife, Mate Yellowknife and the Company at the common corner of the three properties, intersected a shear zone which may represent the northerly extension of the North Giant structure. Both these holes flattened excessively and were stopped before the shear zone was crosscut completely.

## CONSTRUCTION

At C Shaft, the permanent ore and waste bins were erected and sprinklers installed in the headframe. Conveyor "A", from the shaft ore bin to the crushing plant, was installed and is now in operation on ore hoisted from development in C Shaft. The main warehouse, 40 ft. by 100 ft. in area, and of metal-sheathed, steel frame construction, was completed and occupied last fall.

In the Treatment Plant area, rock excavation and foundation work were completed at the Cottrell Plant but erection of the steel-frame building and installation of the arsenic precipitation equipment were not commenced until May of this year because of non-delivery of the steelwork last summer. In order to reduce the hazard to existing buildings later, rock excavation was carried out for a possible third mill addition in the future. Installation of the sprinkler system in the main buildings at the plant was completed last fall and a substantial reduction was then obtained in the blanket fire insurance rate. This rate will be further reduced when the 75,000 U.S. gallon gravity tank, now being erected, is connected to the system.

At B Shaft, surface facilities were completed for handling mine fill, and an oil-fired heater of 11,500 c.f.m. capacity was installed to raise the temperature during the winter of the outside air entering the mine ventilation system.

Construction at No. 1 camp included two modern bunkhouses, one for 18 and the other for 35 men; a firehall with living accommodation for nine men, and one duplex and five single-family residences. New pipe boxes, carrying water, heating and sewage lines were laid to all these buildings. Two additional residences were purchased on the Yellowknife townsite.

The construction program for this year is again a major one, with early completion of the Cottrell plant and erection of the mill addition and the new roasting plant as the main projects. Outside work was commenced early in May, and subject to deliveries as promised, particularly of the roasting plant steelwork, it is expected that the program will be completed on schedule. Two new 35-man bunkhouses, which will be required for the additional working force at 700 tons per day, are well advanced at date of writing. The original headframe at A Shaft, which is to be deepened to the 750 level during the current fiscal year, has been winterized and a sinking bin erected. Other surface work planned this summer includes erection of three residences at the camp and installation of sprinklers in the mill addition, the diesel plant and the main boiler house. Other equipment which is to be installed to handle the proposed increase in the milling rate includes additional transformers at C Shaft and at the Roasting Plant, and a second 1000 K.W. electric boiler to supply the increased heating requirements at the Treatment Plant.

## GENERAL

Operating costs were reduced by approximately \$1.25 per ton milled from the previous fiscal year, due chiefly to the increase in the average milling rate. Substantial increases were

made in wage and salary rates, and the cost of all major items of operating supplies was higher than last year.

The cost of primary power contracted for from the N.W.T. Power Commission amounted to a total of \$250,000.00 for the year, or \$1.65 per ton milled. A portion of the primary energy was used for plant heating and, in addition, secondary power was purchased for this purpose. The total cost of hydro power was \$266,117.68, equivalent to \$1.75 per ton milled.

The working force averaged 302 during the period, with 30 employees directly on construction in addition to contractors' personnel during the building season. Labour turnover was high and costly and the effect of the current boom in industrial and mining development in Western Canada is being reflected in a shortage of experienced miners and tradesmen.

The support of the President and Directors, and the co-operation of all employees are gratefully acknowledged.

Yours very truly,

A. K. MUIR,  
General Manager.

Yellowknife,  
Northwest Territories.





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AERIAL VIEW OF NO. 1 CAMP WITH "C" SHAFT AND TREATMENT PLANT IN BACKGROUND.

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