

November 6, 1973

Mr. B. Elder
6157 Berwick Street
Burnaby 1, British Columbia
Canada

Dear Mr. Elder:

The Tacoma Smelter of the 1890 to 1902 era was owned by our predecessor company which has since gone out of business. Records for that period are no longer extant.

We regret being unable to supply you the requested information.

Yours truly,

B. R. PETRIE

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Burnaby 1, B.C. Canada

Oct 29/73.

American Smelting and Refining Company.

North 51 St and Baltimore

Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Upon sending a letter to the Tacoma City Hall requesting information concerning the existence of the Tacoma Smelter of the 1890's period and whether it still existed, they sent your name and address. I am a student at Simon Fraser University working on a paper for History 489, the topic being: The Mining Boom in South-western British Columbia during the 1890's, the study time covering the period from 1890 to 1902. The reason for this letter is to inquire after any information you might possibly have concerning the mines in the area (Vancouver, New Westminster and Yale Districts, the South West section of B.C.). Primarily the statistics on tonnage over the years during

time period and the names of the companies and mines that shipped it. For example, in the Chilliwack Progress newspaper for October 7, 1896 an item reads: "Messrs A and S. Trethewey left yesterday for their mines near Harrison Lake. We are informed they have a standing offer from Tacoma Smelter people of \$90.00 per ton for all they can get out." November 4, 1896 "... Four sacks of ore were brought down on the Transfer Co steamer I, yesterday, for shipment to the smelters at Everett and Tacoma. This ore is from the claim of A. J. Gordon, situated on the reverse side of Chilliwack Mountain." The Province newspaper for June 22, 1894 mentions that "... Since October 1893 a Trail Creek ^(South Eastern B.C.) Company has shipped 1,540 tons (all of which has been sent to Tacoma). "... Thus if your company is the company that handled the ~~ore~~ ^{ore} from the south-western region of B.C., from the Providence, Golden Ears, Golden Chariot, Gold Basin, Silver Bell and other mines, any information or statistics for the 1890 to 1902 period would be greatly appreciated. This is based on the

that you are the right company and your records for the period are intact. If this is an incorrect assumption then please forward this letter to whoever might have the information, should it still exist, I am thanking you in advance for any ~~assistance~~ you might be able to render. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

B. Elder.

British Columbia, Canada.