

COPY.

Greenwood, B.C. July 29th, 1899.

F. Burbidge, Esq.,

Dear Sir,-

I received the following wire from Victoria this A.M. "Xarlin here. Clayton Miller has just telegraphed privately from Wardner saying Can you locate Carlin for me. Wire me your wishes"

To this I answered: "Hold prospectors for the present in accordance with the terms of the contract" . This afternoon I received a wire as follows: "Nothing less than Shanghai will enable you to carry out your desire-think other people have located him" To this I have just answered by wire "Do not act hastily Carlin matter. Better let matter drop for the present if he is obstinate. Am writing by this mail to interested parties."

You will see from the above that there is a disturbing element in the calculations, and at this distance from the scene I cannot gauge its strength. My opinion is that we have tried to hold him too long. We would have made it stick had not the mill been blown up. However he dislikes the Sweeney outfit exceedingly, and it may be a short term with the m may disgust him. However, whatever you wish done, wire promptly to W.E.Mellen, care R.E.Brown, Bank of Montreal Hall Chambers, Victoria, Bedford McNeil Code. If you desire to cypher use word XYLITE = add 8 in sending, subtract 8 in receiving.

Sincerely yours,

J.R.Stephens.'

P.S. I expect to be in Spokane in a few days.

*file*