

HISTORY AND EXPLORATION TO DATE

After the discovery of silver-lead-zinc mineralization in the Zeehan area in 1882 activity increased to a peak in the early 1890's declining thereafter. The Spray and Big Ben mines which were discovered in 1898 and 1922 are the only notable exceptions.

There is a direct relationship between the life of each mine and its silver content. The carbonate hosted mines within both Amoco and CSR tenements were relatively poorer in silver compared to the deposits in basement rocks and lower production resulted. A table listing the silver-lead production is enclosed (Table 1).