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Defiance Group, Sumallo River, Yale M.D., B. C. These claims are situated on the south bank of the Sumallo River about a mile below its junction with the Skagit. Specimens brought in by Peter Henson consisted of vuggy quartz and soft finely fibrous jamesonite partially filling many of the vugs. A spectrographic analysis showed traces of Ag, Cu, and As in addition to the main constituents of the mineral. So far as is known, no antimony mineral has heretofore been reported from this group; however, Cairnes (*Geol. Surv. Canada, Summ. Rep., 1920, 41 A*) suggested the possibility of jamesonite and berthierite being present on the neighbouring Rainbow Claim.

Brown McDade Property, Carmacks District, Yukon Territory (see "bournonite"). Jamesonite was noted in minor amounts in polished sections of ore from three diamond drill holes. It is closely associated with tetrahedrite and sphalerite, but it was also noted in fractures in brecciated masses of pyrite and arsenopyrite in long fibrous crystals sometimes slightly bent, with occasional cross-fractures resulting from the basal cleavage.

Akaitcho Property, Yellowknife, N.W.T. (see "bournonite"). Jamesonite occurs in small pockets and fine veinlets associated with stibnite, etc., and gold at the boundaries and as blebs within the jamesonite. Spectrographic analyses showed Ag in addition to Au, Pb, Fe, and Sb, but As was not found.

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OBSERVATIONS ON KOBELLITE

Kobellite is a little-known ore mineral originally described from Hvana, Sweden, by Setterberg (*Ak. Stockholm, Handl., 27, 188, 1841 for 1839*) and later reported by Keller (*Zs. Kryst., 17, 67, 1889*) from Ouray, Colorado. On the basis of this early work the mineral is given in Dana (*Syst. Min., 1944, p. 447*) as a doubtful species of unknown crystallography with composition possibly $2\text{PbS}(\text{Bi},\text{Sb})_2\text{S}_3$ in which $\text{Bi} : \text{Sb} \sim 2 : 1$. Kobellite thus has the appearance of an antimonian variety of cosalite, $2\text{PbS}.\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_3$.

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Nothing has been added to the description of kobellite beyond the microscopical details in Schneiderhöhn & Ramdohr (*Erzmikroskopie*, 2, 431, 1931) and the X-ray powder data by Harcourt (*Am. Mineral.*, 27, 88, 1942). A typical specimen from Hvena, Sweden (Harvard Mineralogical Museum, 82435), kindly lent some years ago by Professor Palache, gave the opportunity to make further observations on this mineral.

Kobellite occurs in compact coarsely fibrous masses with lead-grey colour and good metallic lustre, intergrown with pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite in quartz gangue. Broken surfaces show a single good cleavage parallel to the fibre direction but single-crystal cleavage fragments are difficult to obtain. The hardness is $2\frac{1}{2}$ and several measurements of the specific gravity of clean fragments with the Berman balance gave 6.48 ± 0.05 , as compared to 6.29-6.33 in the literature.

Dr. R. M. Thompson supplied the following mineralographic notes. A polished section shows a white mineral, between galena and argentite in shade, with slight reflection pleochroism and moderate anisotropism, giving colours from steel grey to light grey-brown. Extinction appears to be parallel to the somewhat columnar elongation and the cleavage traces. HNO_3 attacks the surface with effervescence and produces a black stain; there is no reaction with HCl , KCN , FeCl_3 , KOH , HgCl_2 . Microchemical tests gave strong positive reactions for Pb, Bi, Sb and indications of Cu and Fe. The hardness is A +, slightly softer than galena.

Fragments showing longitudinal cleavage and striations were used for rotation and Weissenberg photographs about the axis of elongation and striation, the axis in the cleavage and normal to the striations, and the axis normal to the cleavage. The films show orthorhombic symmetry (as inferred by Ramdohr from the optical behaviour) and the space group $D_{2h}^{13}-Pnmm$; cell dimensions:

$$a = 22.57, b = 34.01, c = 4.01 \text{ kX}$$

With reference to this cell the elongation is [001] and the cleavage (010).

The composition of kobellite, known only through two early and unsatisfactory analyses (1, 2), suggests three possible interpretations of the cell contents (A, B, C). The calculated compo-

sition (*A*) for a cell containing 4[6PbS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃] agrees fairly well with the twice recalculated analysis (1*a*) of Setterberg, but the calculated density for this cell is distinctly too low. If it may be assumed that Fe in the analysis (1) is actually due to constitutional Fe, as in jamesonite, the cell content 4[6PbS.FeS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃] gives the calculated composition and density (*B*), in better agreement with the analyses. Finally, to raise the calculated density to the new measured value the cell content 4[7PbS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃] might be considered; but the composition (*C*) for this formula agrees poorly with the analyses. Provisionally the interpretation (*B*) could be retained until the question of the cell content of kobellite can be settled by a new analysis on pure material.

KOBELLITE: ANALYSES AND CALCULATED COMPOSITIONS

	1	1 <i>a</i>	2	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
Pb.....	40.74	42.66	38.95	44.34	43.00	47.67
Fe.....	2.02	...	...	...	1.93	...
Cu.....	0.88	...	0.97	...	...	...
Ag.....	...	...	3.58	...	...	...
Bi.....	28.37	29.71	30.61	29.82	28.91	27.47
Sb.....	9.38	9.82	8.13	8.69	8.42	8.00
S.....	18.61	17.81	17.76	17.15	17.74	16.86
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
G.....	6.29-6.32	(Sett.)	6.334	6.01	6.20	6.52
	6.48 (E.W.N.)	(Keller)	(Keller)	(calc.)	(calc.)	(calc.)

1—Hvena, Sweden; anal. Setterberg (1839) recalculated to new atomic weights by Rammelsberg, 1875, in Dana (1944, p. 447).

1*a*—Foregoing analysis recalculated with removal of CuFeS₂ and FeS.

2—Ouray, Colorado; anal. Keller (1889) in Dana (1944, p. 447); average of four analyses of massive material, recalculated with removal of ZnS, CuFeS₂, and gangue.

A. Calculated composition and density for 4[6PbS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃].

B. Calculated composition and density for 4[6PbS.FeS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃].

C. Calculated composition and density for 4[7PbS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃].

Kobellite gives a distinctive X-ray powder pattern which has a superficial resemblance but no real similarity to that of cosalite. The pattern agrees substantially with that of Harcourt (1942, p. 88); it is indexed with the new cell dimensions in the following table.

KOBELLITE—6PbS.

Orthorhombic, *Pnmm*; *a* = 22.1

<i>I</i>	θ (Cu)	<i>d</i> (meas.)	(<i>hkl</i>)	<i>d</i> (calc.)
$\frac{1}{2}$	10.55°	4.20	(080)	4.251
1	11.15	3.98	{(280) (011)}	3.978 3.985
$\frac{1}{2}$	11.95	3.72	{(600) (190)}	3.765 3.727
9	12.65	3.51	(560)	3.531
10	13.1	3.39	{(0.10.0) (480)}	3.401 3.393
2	13.65	3.26	{(401) (341) (2.10.0)}	3.269 3.217 3.257

<i>I</i>	θ (Cu)	<i>d</i> (meas.)	<i>I</i>	θ (Cu)
3	21.1°	2.14	$\frac{1}{2}$	25
$\frac{1}{2}$	21.7	2.08	2	26
4	22.1	2.04	2	27
$\frac{1}{2}$	22.4	2.02	$\frac{1}{2}$	28
1	23.7	1.912	$\frac{1}{2}$	29
$\frac{1}{2}$	24.1	1.883	$\frac{1}{2}$	31
$\frac{1}{2}$	24.7	1.840	1	33

The foregoing observations and show that this mineral is but an independent species. The patterns of the two minerals is of their cell dimensions.

Cosalite: *a* = 19.03

Kobellite: *a* = 22.57

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MINERALOGICAL NOTES

KOBELLITE—6PbS.FeS.2Bi₂S₃.Sb₂S₃

Orthorhombic, *Pnmm*; *a* = 22.57, *b* = 34.01, *c* = 4.01 kX; *Z* = 4

<i>I</i>	θ (Cu)	<i>d</i> (meas.)	(<i>hkl</i>)	<i>d</i> (calc.)	<i>I</i>	θ (Cu)	<i>d</i> (meas.)	(<i>hkl</i>)	<i>d</i> (calc.)
1/2	10.55°	4.20	(080)	4.251	2	14.25°	3.12	(660)	3.134
			(280)	3.978	2	15.05	2.96	(670)	2.975
1	11.15	3.98	{(011)	3.982	3	15.75	2.83	{(0.12.0)	2.834
			{(600)	3.762				{(800)	2.821
1/2	11.95	3.72	{(190)	3.727	3	16.6	2.69	(770)	2.687
			{(560)	3.531	1/2	17.25	2.59	(1.13.0)	2.599
9	12.65	3.51	{(0.10.0)	3.401	1/2	19.65	2.29	{(3.14.0)	2.312
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1/2	21.7	2.08	2	26.2	1.741	1/2	36.15	1.303
4	22.1	2.04	2	27.0	1.693	1/2	37.25	1.270
1/2	22.4	2.02	1/2	28.85	1.594	1/2	38.0	1.249
1	23.7	1.912	1/2	29.65	1.554	1/2	38.6	1.232
1/2	24.1	1.883	1/2	31.95	1.453	1/2	39.3	1.214
1/2	24.7	1.840	1	33.8	1.382	1/2	40.05	1.194
						1/2	40.7	1.179

The foregoing observations confirm the individuality of kobellite and show that this mineral is not merely an antimonian cosalite but an independent species. The partial resemblance of the powder patterns of the two minerals is in keeping with the partial similarity of their cell dimensions.

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The above values for cosalite are from the original paper by Berry (these *Studies*, Geol. Ser., 42, 23, 1939).

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