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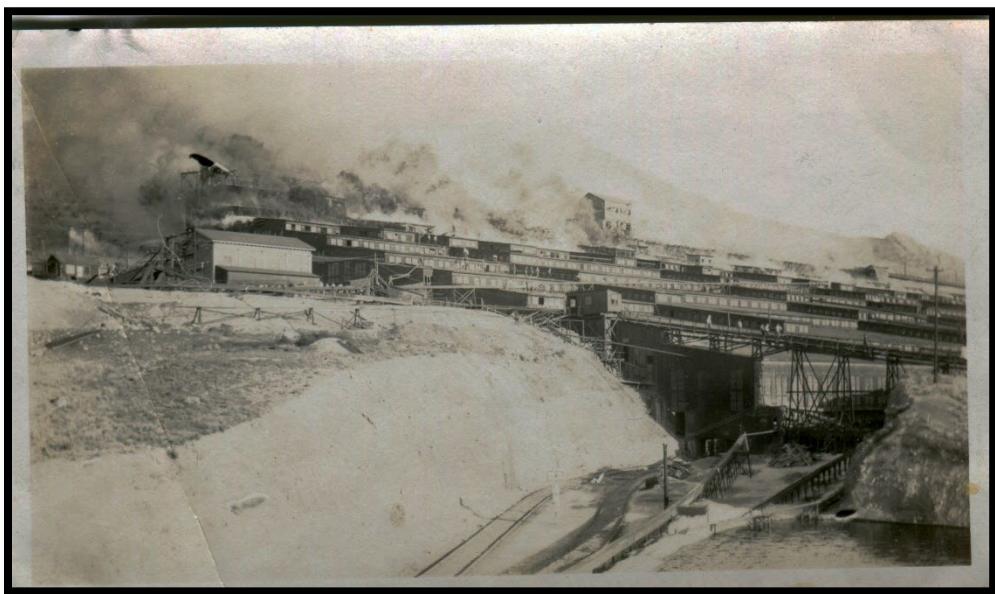
## Keith's Corner/McGill News

July 8, 2022

### Mill Fire of 1922

The fire was on July 9, 1922, a complete century ago. Newsletter 76, October 30, 2020 was about the fire. I don't have anything new to add, but I get a lot of requests for photos of the fire and the rebuilding. My father, Earl "Bud" Gibson saved a brochure made by the Kansas City Steel Corp. which I still have. KCS Corp. rebuilt the mill.

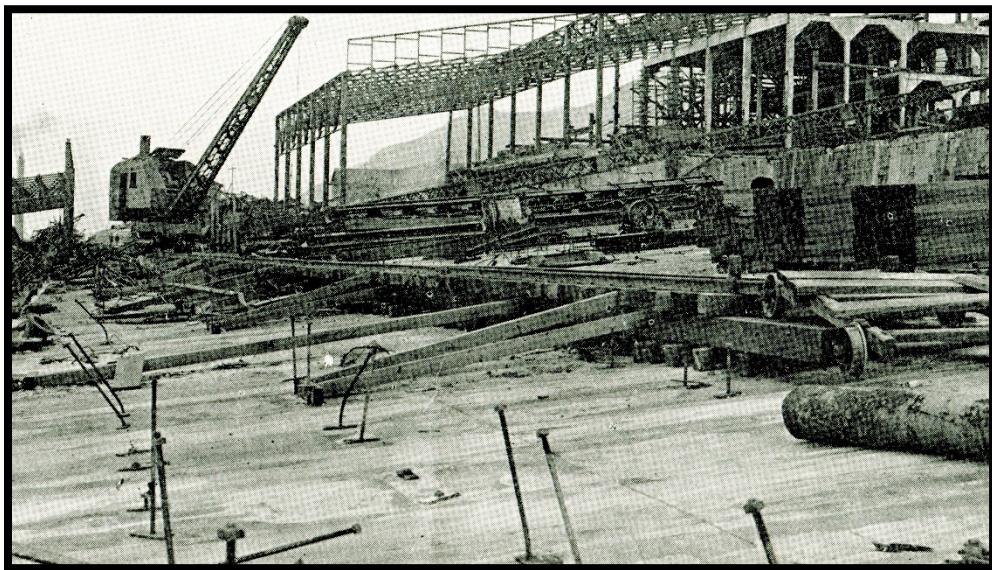
Here are some photos from that brochure.



The above shows the fire is at the top of the mill, where the wooden bins were located. The ore trains crossed the trestle and onto the top of the mill to dump their ore directly into the wooden bins.



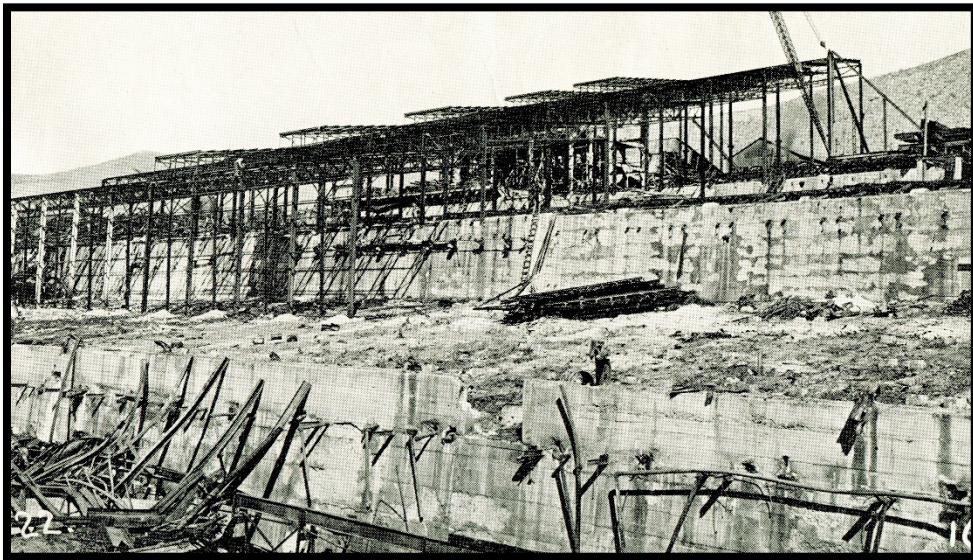
The date is August 6, 1922.



One interesting fact about the above photo is the temporary track system so they could bring in a crane to help rebuild. That is, the timbers used were from the old trestle. The trestle did not burn, but was taken down and used for other things.



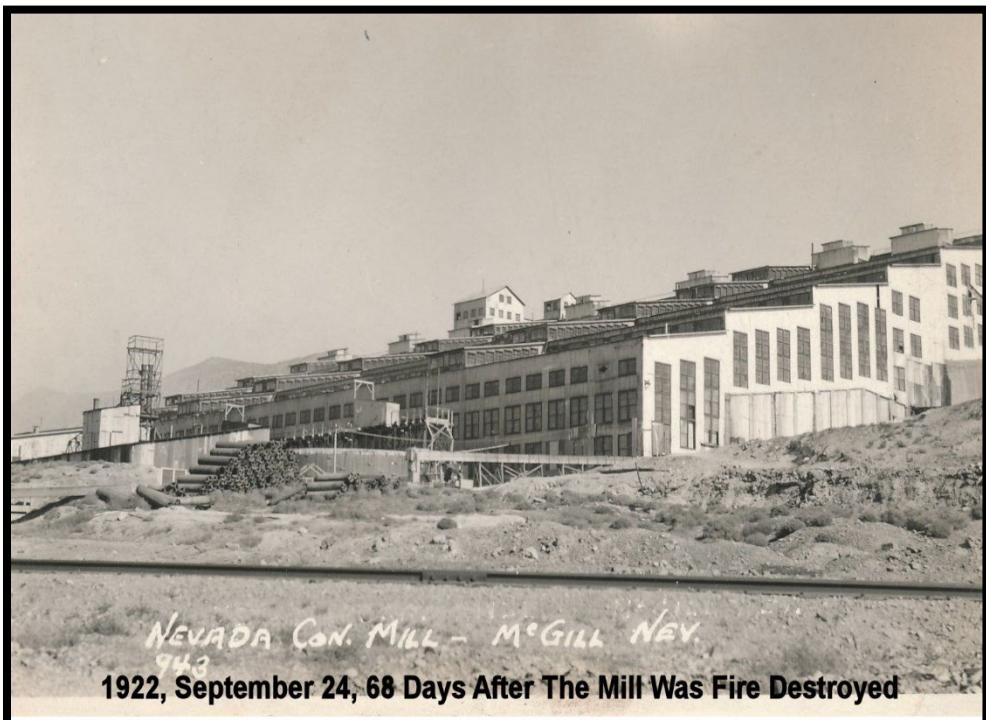
The blue writing says, power house . The mill might have had it's own small power house at that time.



Putting up the new structure.



Laying new track while the fire is still smoking.



The finished new mill.

