

the sum of \$450,000 and the probabilities are that business will be very active in this line this year also. On account of the mildness of the climate this work can be carried on for nearly ten months in the year. In addition to a large number of retail stores here there are two or three which do a wholesale business also and the manufacturing establishments include several saw mills, a planing mill, brick yards, foundry and machine shop. There are at least a dozen hotels, one of which is quite equal to any to be found in the larger cities. Unfortunately, however, the town is a mile or more from the railway station. Some uncertainty existed as to where the station would be built and when it was found that it was not to be at Grand Forks another town, named Columbia, sprang up near the station and there is at present quite a rivalry between the two places.

This is well located for becoming a smelting centre as the Kettle River furnishes power and a never failing and abundant supply of water, and in most cases the mines are so situated that it would be a down-grade haul to bring the ore to the smelters. It is also hoped that railway connection will be established before long, with the famous Republic camp in Washington and that the ores from there will be brought to Grand Forks for treatment. The silicious ores of this camp, blended with the copper-gold ores of the Boundary will form an ideal flux.

The Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.'s smelter of 500 tons daily capacity was not erected until the mineral wealth of this district had been fully established. This company controls the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill and the Aetna, Victoria, Phoenix and Fourth of July lodes in this camp and will smelt the ores from these mines. The site of this smelter is less than a mile from Grand Forks on the north fork of Kettle river, which will furnish 1,200 horsepower at low water. Near this site a second smelter of 250 tons capacity is to be erected this year. This will treat the ores by the Loderpyrite system which is claimed to be much cheaper process than the old time methods. One new feature is the substitution of a lot for a cold blast.

The Old Ironsides and Knob Hill properties were located in 1892 and since 1895 they have been actively developed. On the Old Ironsides over 3,500 feet of development work has been done, consisting of shafts, drifts and crosscuts and on the Knob Hill over 2,000 feet of development work has been completed exposing thousands of tons of ore. The Granby has over 1,000 feet of development, principally drifts and crosscuts, showing large bodies of ore. Development work is also being done on a large number of other prospects.

### PHOENIX.

From Elolt, a small town fourteen miles west of Grand Forks, a branch line runs to Phoenix which has good prospects of becoming a large and important camp in the near future. The Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Stemwinder, Brooklyn, Granby, Idaho, and several other excellent claims are within sight of the town. Phoenix is at a high elevation and is another sample of western growth, as a year ago its present site was covered with "the forest primeval." So far the mails and passenger traffic have

been handled by stage from Greenwood.

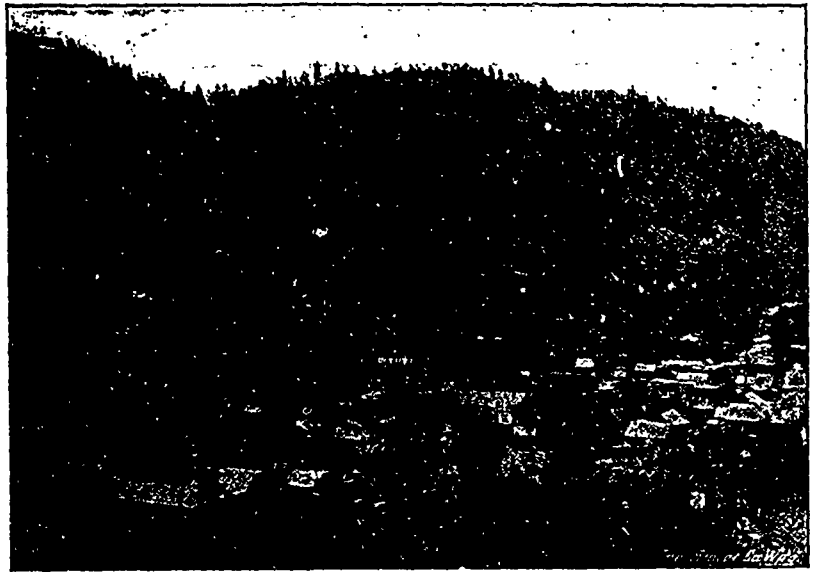
### GREENWOOD.

Greenwood is prettily situated on Boundary Creek about nine miles above its junction with the Kettle river at Midway. This is probably the oldest settlement in the Boundary district, as it was in this creek that gold was first discovered. The valley here is quite level and wide enough to allow for three parallel streets which can be extended for a mile or more in a straight direction. These are the principal thoroughfares of the town and are lined on either side with large and well constructed buildings among which are to be seen numbers of three story blocks. These are with few exceptions, frame structures but their size and substantial appearance are matters of contrast, and it is hard to realize that they have nearly all been erected during the last three years. In August, 1894 this land was pre-empted by Otto Diller, but was subsequently secured by R. Wood who had it surveyed for a townsite, grading some of the streets, a hospital was

### MIDWAY.

The spot chosen for the location of the town of Midway is in many respects the best in the Boundary. It is picturesquely situated in a broad level valley at the junction of Boundary Creek and Kettle River. This spot was surveyed for a townsite in 1893 and given the name of Boundary City but as this name had already been appropriated by another place it was decided to call it Midway for the reason that it is situated about midway between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific ocean. It is at present the terminus of the Columbia and Western Railway and will probably be such for some time. It is understood that this is to be made a divisional point and from its situation, being the meeting place of three valleys, it will in all probability be the junction of one or two branch lines. The land in the vicinity can be cultivated by means of irrigation, thus making this town an agricultural, railway and mining centre.

It would be impossible to give a detailed review of the different mines in



Greenwood, B. C., one of the Promising Boundary Creek District Towns.

erected and other improvements made, but it was not until a railway was assured that it experienced any rapid growth. It has now a population of nearly 3,000. It has electric light waterworks and telephone systems, public school, four churches, hotels too numerous to mention, several saw mills and brick yards, two newspapers, three bank branches and a large number of retail stores. It is a noticeable fact that the majority of these stores are confined to one, or at most two lines of goods, very few carrying a general stock. As is the case with nearly all new towns, a great number of people have rushed in and as a consequence, business in all lines is somewhat overdone at present, but this will doubtless right itself before long. The future of Greenwood is assured as it is surrounded by a large number of promising camps, such as Summit, Skylark, Central, Copper, Deadwood, etc. A branch road has been built to Deadwood camp and a smelter is being erected close to town.

Anacanda, a rival townsite, a mile or two further on, is beautifully situated in a broad valley.

the Boundary, but the following is a list of some of the principal claims in the neighborhood of Grand Forks and Greenwood, nearly all of which are on a shipping basis. In Deadwood camp, the Mother Lode which is considered one of the great properties, the Sunset, Morrison, Gold Bug and Buckhorn, Phoenix Camp, Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Victoria, Stemwinder, Brooklyn, Snowshoe, War Eagle and Gold Drop; Wellington Camp, the Winnipeg, Golden Crown and Hartford; Central Camp, the City of Paris, No. 7, and Norfolk; Summit camp, the B. C. Oro Denero, Rathmullen, Emma and Mountain View; Long Lake camp, the Jewel; Smith's camp, the Golconda and in Skylark camp, the Last Chance.

The following is an extract from a special issue of the Kootenay Mining Standard, of Rossland, B. C., a monthly journal devoted to the mining interests of British Columbia. The geological features of the Boundary Creek district are truly "varied and interesting," as one expert puts it. Perhaps it would be as well to give the principal characteristics of some of the leading camps: