

C.P.R. IN BOUNDARY COUNTRY

Columbia Town Gets the Railway Station and Bases Great Hopes on That Fact.

MANY MINES ARE READY TO SHIP.

Columbia's Advantages as a Natural Distributing Centre for the District and a Residential Town.

Pacific Mining Letter No. 5-Relating to Columbia, B.C.

Columbia, Boundary District, B.C., Sept. 1.—In the acute angle formed by the junction of the north fork of the Kettle River with the main body of that stream, lie two important towns, "Columbia" and "Grand Forks," to wit, each of these places is striving for the position of premier distributing point, for the numerous camps in the eastern half of the Boundary District. A great jealousy exists between the two towns, but my opinion is that the municipality whose boundary lines adjoin will some day merge into one. In the meantime the latter place has the start in population and in the former the former scored an important point the other day when the C.P.R. decided to erect its station on the Columbia townsite. By way of compromise the road will call its station "Grand Forks," but the Columbia people are satisfied that they have something better than the name, viz., the station itself, with its sidings and facilities. However, comparisons are odious, and I do not wish to set the points of one town against those of the other. This letter is devoted to Columbia, and in a later communication I will take up Grand Forks.

C. P. R. in Boundary Country.

With the looming of the Columbia and western extension of the C.P.R., the whole Boundary country is awakening to new energy. A number of properties in Summit, Brown, Greenwood, Wellington, Central and Deadwood camps have been brought to a shipping basis, and only await the railway to send their ores to the smelters. This, of course, means that instead of being merely a sink hole for the money spent in development, the region will become a wealth producer. The residents and outsiders realize that the district is thus probably on the threshold of a new era, and a consequent feeling of optimism prevails everywhere.

Properties Ready to Ship.

With such properties as the "B.C." Pathfinder, Ironside, Knox Hill, City of Pacific, Winnipeg, Brandon and Golden Crown, Morrison, Brown, Greenwood, Wellington, Central and Deadwood camps are ready to ship ore, something men are coming into the district. One plant is in course of erection on the north fork of the Kettle River in Grand Forks. Another is contemplated on the same stream, and a third is in view for Greenwood. Merchants of all classes have caught the fever and a great deal of building is going on in Columbia as well as at Grand Forks and other points of the district.

Return to the entry of the Columbia

and Western, its presence in the district, besides affording the region a new outlet for the mines, will wholly change the course of traffic. At the time of my arrival here a few days ago, the district was a mere wilderness of mining and general supplies consumed in the district were brought in over a rough 45 miles of mountain road by means of heavy trucks drawn by six-horse teams.

Station at Columbia.

But now all is changed, the railway has reached this point and next week coach and freight trains will be passing and goods right in Columbia. To facilitate the shipping arrangements the railroad has secured a large interest in that part of the townsite adjoining its tracks, and is erecting a station and storehouse and laying out its system of switches.

Basis of Columbia's Hopes.

Now, Columbia having secured a station, lays claim to the right to become a distributing point for many of the surrounding camps. The Review, a local newspaper, this week points out that most Canadian and American cities have become such owing to their natural situation as convenient distributing points for great tracts of country adjacent to them, and urges that a city in the forks of the Kettle River has a future based upon the same premises.

Topography of the District.

As regards location, Columbia is well situated to become a distributing point. It lies on a plain at the junction of a series of great valleys which break up the neighboring mountain ranges and converge here. These valleys are four in number, namely: That of the main Kettle River, that of the North Fork of the Kettle, and that of the Fourth of July Creek. By the name of these gulches the railway finds access, and by brought in by it will be distributed to the surrounding camps. The North Fork of the river in the vicinity of Summit, Brown, the Seattle, Pass Creek and Knickerbocker, the West Fork valley leads to a public camp, and the Fourth of July gorge points in the direction of Wellington, Central, and Greenwood camps. One can stand in the midst of the hills and look down through the hills into each of these gulches in turn.

The station at Columbia, besides being

the make-up point for trains to the adjoining camps to which the C.P.R. is built, will also, until the main line is completed, form the district, form the point of transshipment for passengers and freight bound for Republic, Greenwood, Midway and McKimney.

While thus pointing out its advantages

call visitors' attention to the beauty of their townsite. As already indicated, the major portion of this site consists of a level plain, the only one, by the way, I have yet seen in British Columbia, some three miles or more in diameter. This little picture-like tract is surrounded by a series of natural benches or terraces; beyond these again, the rising slopes, and above their wooded crests. As an inducement to prospective residents, the Columbians are laying out a race track, tennis court and a hundred acre park, including a three-quarter mile stretch of river bank to be dammed to afford sufficient room for a canoe and pleasure boat course.

Columbia recently lost its chief hotel by

fire, but the Escalot House has been built in its place, and two or three others are in course of construction.

I am interested in my return here

a few weeks hence to note the effect upon the district of the incoming of the Columbia and Western road. As I have said before, in another letter, I will take up Grand Forks.

FRANK D. L. SMITH,

Insurgent Reviewer, C. P. Dennis, president of the Insurgent Gold Mining Company, said yesterday:

"I have a letter from John Hanly, who has just returned to Roseburg from the Insurgent mine, he having gone there for the purpose of examining the work done upon the Insurgent mine in particular the one developed on the east Lone Pine drift, as developed upon the Insurgent ground. By actual measurement for the last 40 feet the

vein is more than six feet wide, solid quartz, carrying gold values about of \$54.70 per ton. This is the average of all the 30 feet in length and six feet in width.

"That the stockholders and public may know that these statements made regarding the mine from time to time are correct, and that this latter statement in particular is so, a cordial invitation is given to every stockholder or to any one who may be interested therein to go to the mine and sample the vein themselves, making their own assays.

"A crosscut has been driven, running some considerable distance, in which a large body of quartz was struck a few days ago. The assays from this body of ore show ore as rich as found in the other vein.

"The Insurgent property is rapidly approaching a point where there will be sufficient ore in sight to warrant the construction of a mill and its continuous operation."

Working Groups of Claims.

Davison Daily News: "The prospects in mining matters were never brighter than they are to-day," said Mr. George C. Parker, secretary and treasurer of the Yukon Mining Company, to a representative of the News.

"They cannot be better, especially with our company," continued Mr. Parker. "We have now some 34 properties situated on Hunker, Eldorado, Thistle, Blueberry, Brown, Parker and Central Creeks, and an option on a very fine paying group of claims on Dominion Creek, paying on Hunker, and a coal property some distance from here, which I am looking into thoroughly at the present time. We are working Hunker claims adjoining last year's claims, and with such gratifying results—taking out 27 cents to the pound—that an order has been sent to the outside for two steam trains."

"We have had Messrs. J. Ladue Co. out at a party of mine for 10 days, when we will ship to Thistle Creek next week to show these claims and get out a large pay dump for the coming year's washup."

Dardanelles in Demand.

There was considerable inquiry yesterday from the west for Dardanelles stock. It is reported that buyers have been quietly buying up large blocks of this stock. Dardanelles sold yesterday at 14 cents and closed strong with 14 cents bid.

Messrs. Currie & Kiteley, in their daily

review on mining shares, say: The market was very active, in spite of the decline in White Star and Deer Park. These stocks we think, have not touched bottom yet. White Star and Deer Park are in good demand and some of the rest of the cheaper stocks are bound to be favorites in the near future. He sure and send this week for our confidential letter.

Perry Sound Bonanza Copper.

Bonanza Copper Mining and Milling Company's properties are in the Perry Sound district. They are all right; go and see them. The promoters' shares are available for a short time at five (5) cents a share, from S. J. Shaw & Sons, John A. Moody, Perry Sound, or John M. MacIntyre, secretary-treasurer, London, Ont.

On the Exchanges.

The feature of the market in mining stocks yesterday was the big volume of business transacted on the Toronto Mining Exchange. On the morning of the 15th, sales amounted to 38,200 shares and the afternoon sales 32,400, a total of 70,600 shares. On the morning of the 16th, sales rose from 24 to 24 1/2; 11,700 shares changing hands at 10 cents. The afternoon session had a further rise to 10 1/2 cents, and at this further advance the Golden Star was firm at 40 1/2, some 4000 shares changing hands at this further advance. The Deer Park rose from 24 to 24 1/2; 11,700 shares changing hands at 10 cents. The afternoon session had a further rise to 10 1/2 cents, and at this further advance the Golden Star was firm at 40 1/2, some 4000 shares changing hands at this further advance.

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Cripple Creek Stocks

As per table below, show an average profit of over 400 per cent. since July, 1898, to actual selling price in Aug., 1899:

Name.	Shares.	Price	Per cent.	Name.	Shares.	Price	Per cent.
Altamont.....	1,000,000	.04%	500	Golden Eagle.....	1,000,000	.03%	200
American Cons.....	1,500,000	.004%	350	Gold King.....	1,000,000	.01%	90
Arcadia Cons.....	1,500,000	.003%	450	Gold Sovereign.....	3,000,000	.01%	650
Alamo.....	1,000,000	.10	300	Gold Stone.....	2,000,000	.02%	100
Anchorage-Leland.....	800,000	.18	20	Granite Hill.....	1,000,000	.02%	200
Battle Mountain.....	1,000,000	.003%	20	Isabella.....	2,250,000	.05%	400
Bankers.....	1,250,000	.006%	100	Jack Pot.....	1,500,000	.05%	300
Ben Hur.....	800,000	.006%	400	Kimberly.....	1,500,000	.15%	275
Blue Bell.....	1,000,000	.14	900	Keystone.....	1,500,000	.05%	300
Blue Bell.....	1,500,000	.004%	250	Lillie.....	225,000	1.40	10
Buckhorn.....	1,250,000	.04%	2,500	Lexington.....	1,500,000	.14%	300
C. & C. C.....	800,000	.12%	300	Matos.....	1,000,000	.08%	100
C. & C. M.....	2,000,000	.13%	1,000	Montreal.....	1,000,000	.08%	100
C. K. & N.....	1,250,000	.02	400	Mt. Rose.....	1,000,000	.28	125
Currency.....	1,250,000	.008	400	Mt. Beauty.....	2,000,000	.009%	400
Colfax.....	1,000,000	.002%	300	Mutual.....	800,000	.08%	400
Columbia V.....	2,000,000	.10%	6	Magnet Rock.....	1,250,000	.04%	350
Copper Mountain.....	1,000,000	.004%	300	Mott.....	1,250,000	.05%	350
Dante.....	1,250,000	.10%	325	Ophir.....	700,000	.38	300
Demon.....	2,000,000	.10%	325	Orion.....	1,250,000	.08%	850
Dee Mines.....	750,000	.05	325	Portland.....	3,000,000	2.04	102
Enterprise.....	800,000	.003%	225	Reno.....	1,000,000	.08%	350
El Paso Gold.....	1,250,000	.08%	417	Republic.....	1,250,000	.07%	200
Flower.....	1,500,000	.03%	402	Sacramento.....	1,000,000	.07	225
Pindley.....	1,250,000	.10%	300	Silver State.....	1,250,000	.02%	700
Franklin.....	1,000,000	.04	1,230	Stemont.....	1,000,000	.15%	150
Gold & Globe.....	1,000,000	2.20	113	Union.....	1,250,000	.32	140
	750,000	.00%	300	Work.....	1,250,000	.20%	650

Write us for a few recommendations on Cripple Creek stock.

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NOTE.—Since the above table was made up many stocks have advanced—Portland now \$2.30, Dante 23c, etc.

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