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 Residen-

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 incipient 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 municipalities whose boundary lines adjoin will some day merge into one. In the meantime the latter place has the start in age, population and trade, but 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 freight yards. 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 commulcation will take up Grand Forks.

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western extension of the C.P.R. the whole Boundary country is awakening to bew energy. A number of properties in Summit, Brown's, Greenwood, Wellington, Central and Deadwood camps have been brought to a shipping basis, and only await the rallway 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 one goes.

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Properties Ready to Ship.

With such properties as the "B.C," Pathfinder, Ironsides, Knob Hill, City of Paris, Winnipeg, Brandon and Golden Crown, Morrison, Brooklyn and Stemwinder ready to ship ore, smelting 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 at Columbia as well as at Grand Forks and other roints of the district.

To return to the entry of the Columbia and Western, its presence in the district, besides affording ore shipping facilities for the mines, will wholly change the course of traffic. At the time of my arrival here a few days ago, all the passenger and freight business was done via Bossbarg, Wash. Travellers staged it in, and the quantities 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.

Station at Columbia. But now all is changed, the railway has reached this point and next week coach and freight trains will land passengers and goods right in Columbia. To facilitate its 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 Horses

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. The Review thinks that Eholt, Summit City, Phoenix and other points between the forks of the Kettle and Greenwood will become purely mining towns, but that a community located between the two branches of the river must always be the residential centre and base of traffic for much of the territory.

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 West Fork of the Kettle, that of the North Fork of the Kettle, and that of the Fourth of July Creek. By the first named of these guiches the railway finds access, and by the other three the passengers and freight brought in by it will be distributed to the surrounding camps. The North Fork of the river is the natural outlet to Summit, Brown's, Seattle, Pass Creek and Knight's camps; the West Fork valley leads to Republic 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 plain and look aug through the hills into each of these guiches.

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While thus pointing out its advantages as a centre of traffic, the people of Columbia 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 prairie-like tract is surrounded by a series of natural benches or terraces; beyond these rise sloping, grazing lands, and above these again the low ranges of hills rear 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-dammed to afford sufficient room for a cance and pleasure boat course.

Columbia recently lost its chief hotel by fire, but the Escalet House has been built in its place, and two or three others are in course of construction.

I shall be interested on my return here a few weeks hence to note the effect upon the district of a hundred and Western road. As I have said before, in another letter, I will take up Grand Forks.

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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.

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Working Groups of Claims.

Messrs. Currie & Kiteley, in their daily review on mining shares, say: The market was very active, in spite of the decline in Golden Star and War Eagle. These stocks, we think, have not touched bottom yet. White Bear and Deer Park are in good demand and some of the rest of the cheaper and and some of the rest of the cheaper stocks are bound to be favorites in the near future, as there is more profit in handling them. Be sure and send this week for our confidential letter.

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Acacla	1,500,000	.16%	550	Golden Eagle	1,000,000	.031/4	200
Altamont American Cons	1,250,000	.04%	350	Gold King	1,000,000	.911/2	50.
	1,500,000	.051/8	325	Gold Sovereign	3,000,000	.151/2	650
Arcadia Cons	f 1,500,000	.03%	450	Gold Stone	2,000,000	.021/4	900
	2,000,000	.051/4	300	Gould	1,000,000	.231/2	730
Anchoria-Leland	1,000,000	.10	300	Granite Hill	4 1,000,000	.03%	200
Battle Mountain	600,000	.78	20	Isabella	2,250,000	.951/4	400
Contors	1,000,000	.36%	6	Jack Pot	1,250,000	.571/2	800
Bankers	1,250,000	.09%	100	Kimberley	1,500,000	.081/4	300
	900,000	.081/2	400	Keystone	1,500,000	.131/4	175
	1,000,000	.14	600	Lillie	225,000	1.40	113
	1,500,000	.041/2	2,500	Lexington	1,500,000	.14%	300
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C. & M	2,000,000	.131/4	1,000	Mt. Rosa	1,000,000	.28	125
. K. & N	1,250,000	.02	400	Mt. Beauty	2,000,000	.091/4	460
Corrency	1,250,000	.08	700	Mutual	500,000	.08%	400
	1,000,000	.023/4	300	Magnet Rock	1,250,000	.047/4	530
Columbine V	2,000,000	.191/2	6	Mobile	1,250,000	.05%	550
Copper Mountain	1,000,000	.061/4	300	Ophir	700,000	.39	
	1,250,000	.16%	325	Oricle	1,250,000	.081/4	390
Damon	2,000,000	.191/2	900	Portland	3,000,000	2.04	850
Des Moines	750,000	.05	325	Pinnacle	2,000,000	PORTOR RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF	102
Interprise	800,000	.09%	- 225	Reno	1,000,000	.29%	1,080
Elkton	1,250,000	.981/2	17	Republic	1,250,000	.051/8	350
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