

fidence no men are better able or more reliable in their investments than they. It is desirable, then, that in our efforts to procure English capital, we should be careful not to misrepresent or in any way mislead by exaggerated statements.

Before going to English investors we should know something definite as to the value of what we offer. So far as mines are concerned this can best be accomplished by having a certain amount of development work done in order to satisfy ourselves before proceeding to seek capitalists at a distance. It is the men who are able and willing to invest money of their own in developing claims to ascertain their worth in order to enlist capital in the purchase and operation of mines in this province who are doing good service to the country and not mere promoters who have little money of their own to spend, and whose object is purely one of speculation without risk to themselves. Unfortunately there are many of the latter class operating or endeavouring to operate on the strength of British Columbia's rich resources.

Mr. B. F. Shaubut, whose headquarters are in London, England, has spent the last three or four months in British Columbia, principally in the Trail Creek district. Only the other day he left on his return to England, having during his stay in this country devoted all his time to a thorough inspection of our mineral resources. We have known Mr. Shaubut for years as a conservative and cautious man of business and believe that what he says about us will be at least the truth, as he conscientiously believes it.

We understand, too, that he has invested a considerable amount of his own money in several of our mines. He is part owner of the Sovereign mine on Lookout Mountain, and shortly before his departure purchased what is known as the Prince of Wales group adjoining the Sovereign. This group consists of the Prince of Wales, Debs and Emma claims, which development work show to be among the most promising in the Trail Creek district. The course pursued by Mr. Shaubut in coming out and spending several months in the heart of our mining district in order to familiarize himself with what is going on is one which commends itself to us and will enable him to speak with authority on his return to England.

That a man like Mr. Shaubut should take up the subject of mining in this province with the view of pushing it in the Old Country is, we consider, a direct gain to the province, and we will be very much mistaken indeed if on his return he either overstates or misleads in any way those with whom he may come in contact.

Boundary Creek Notes.

THE first shadow of winter has come upon us in the shape of miserably cold and wet weather, and the hills seen in the distance away up Boundary Creek have taken on their first capping of snow. A spell of similar disagreeable weather was experienced very much about this time last fall, by the few who were here then, but after it had passed late September and October developed into beautiful dry weather, frost at nights and a hot sun during the day, and we look forward to such an-

other Indian summer this year, before winter actually closes in upon us.

The road from Greenwood City to Greenwood camp (six miles distant) and Wellington camp is now completed, and considerably lessens the distance to Grand Forks, besides offering better grades and angles than the old mail road via Anaconda.

The first issue of the *Boundary Creek Times* appeared on September 12th, published at Greenwood, and should be a very useful medium of news to outside parties of the doings in Boundary Creek.

Mr. Graham, M.P.P., has been making a stay in the district, and though avowedly no mining man, has been patiently listening to the appeals and wants of the miners for better communication and roads, etc., both inside and outside the district, and has left us with great hopes of provincial assistance to come.

Early in the month Mr. Leslie Hill, representing the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia, (limited liability), made a very thorough inspection of the camps in the neighbourhood and bonded interests in the Jewel and Denano Grande, adjoining claims in Long Lake Camp. The exorbitant price asked for the remaining interests in the Jewel compelled Mr. Hill to leave the property, and several thousand dollars which Mr. Hill was prepared to expend on development this fall is taken away to be applied elsewhere. It is a great pity that when a good, reasonable offer is made for property, that one or more parties holding fractional interests (in this case one of the holders owns one-eighth interest only), should be able to spoil a deal and simply drive good and substantial syndicates' representatives from the country by making their demands so exorbitant.

Mr. E. A. Digby, representing private English capital, has been visiting the camps during the past week and has bonded one if not two claims in Copper Camp.

Work is going on steadily at the copper mine, where the ore has been cut in the drift from the fifty-foot level.

A new strike is reported from about eleven miles up Boundary Creek from Greenwood and several locations have been made there, though I have been unable to obtain reliable information as to the nature of the ore.

In Greenwood Camp the bond on the Snowshoe has been allowed to run out, without the necessary payment being made, and Mr. Turner has only till October 1st to determine whether he will take up the Gold Drop bond or not. Unfortunately in the short time at his disposal the diamond drill rod got jammed and in extricating it the head with the diamond was left sixty feet down the shaft and is causing the loss of valuable time in its extrication.

The remaining claims in which much work is likely to be done this fall are the Stemminder (Greenwood Camp), Skylark (Skylark Camp), and No. 7 (Whites).

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Boundary Creek at Spokane Fair.

THE following extract is from a leaflet circulated at the Spokane Fair in connection with the splendid collection of mineral samples shown from Boundary Creek mining districts. We publish it because the information it contains is valuable and should be widely circulated: