

Schofield also discovered what is now Summit camp, and made locations. The Providence, which is now paying dividends, was located in 1892 by William Dickman.

About this time Howard C. Walters, an energetic mining man from Spokane, came into the Boundary, and acquired a number of the high grade claims, as no others would then pay to work, with the nearest railway 75 miles away, and no wagon roads or trails in the country. However, Mr. Walters, who had organized a company known as Spokane & Great Northern Mining Co., finally succeeded in getting in a two stamp mill, which was set up at Boundary Falls, to treat the ores of the American Boy and Boundary Falls claims. Mr. Walters also bought the Providence, and made some shipments to the Everett smelter, which notwithstanding the great cost of packing on mules to the railway, at Marcus, Wash., netted several thousands of dollars. Silver went down, however, in 1893, and this discouraged the prospectors in the Boundary, and for a while this section was pretty nearly deserted. However, the Skylark, which was located in 1893 by James Atwood, is said to have shipped ore which netted more than \$30,000.

Location of Boundary Towns.

As far as the records show, the first townsite platted in the Boundary Creek District, as it was then called, after the creek of the same name, was Miwday, first called Eholt. This was acquired by Capt. R. C. Adams, of Montreal, and associates, in 1893.

The site of the present town of Greenwood was acquired by Robert Wood and associates in 1895, who immediately founded the town and platted the lots. Anaconda, adjoining, was founded previously, and Mr. Wood made an unsuccessful attempt to purchase it first.

Grand Forks, located at the junction of the main Kettle river and its North Fork, was one of the earliest settlements, being a diverging point. The site, which was owned by George McRae, was sold to John A. Manly in

1893, who shortly thereafter founded the town by platting it, and has been pushing it ever since.

Phoenix, which was originally known as Greenwood camp, and from which the town of that name was called, was virtually established in 1899. When the gigantic ore bodies of the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines began to be appreciated on the outside, that and the building of the C. P. R. into the district attracted a great deal of attention to this camp. About the same time Mann & McKenzie and associates took over the Brooklyn and Stemwinder groups for the Dominion Copper Co. Geo. W. Rumberger platted the Cimeron mineral claim in the fall of 1899, J. B. McArthur also platting the New York claim in the same

the Phoenix line would branch off there.

Cascade is one of the oldest towns in the Boundary, having been platted in the very early nineties, and during the railway building enjoying a genuine boom, and being at that time one of the most important of Boundary towns.

A conservative estimate of the population of the Boundary district has placed it at about 10,000 persons. As is well known, the most important industry is that of mining, being the industry on which all others practically depend. Other industries and occupations are well represented, lumbering being carried on to a considerable extent and farming becoming more and more important each year, with a



"JOLLY JACK"—JOHN THORNTON IN FRONT OF HIS CABIN.

year. In November of that year the Miner-Graves syndicate, as the owners of the present Granby mines were then known for brevity, placed the Old Ironsides sub-division to Phoenix on the market, all of the Phoenix property having one of the most remarkable sales in the history of townsite selling in British Columbia. It is within the memory of the writer that persons travelled hundreds of miles to buy Phoenix business lots at the opening sale, only to find them already sold.

Small settlements also grew up at Deadwood, Carson, Boundary Falls, Eholt, etc., the latter when the railway was built, and it was found that

splendid market close at hand, being the numerous mines and smelters of the district, and the communities growing up around them. The valleys are admirably adapted to fruit raising, and fruits of all kinds are cultivated in the greatest profusion.

BOUNDARY DISTANCES.

Railway distances in the Boundary from Nelson, the C. P. R. divisional headquarters, are, approximately, as follows:

	Miles
Cascade	83
Grand Forks	96
Eholt	110
Phoenix	120
Greenwood	118
Midway	127