

large plant that will be sent in immediately after the completion of the Columbia and Western Railway to Boundary Creek. The incline shaft on the Buckhorn is now down between 60 and 70 feet, all in ore. This property is looking well and the management is satisfied with its prospects. The Morrison is stated to be opening up well. The tunnel has cross-cut three leads and exposed more than 60 feet of ore. The indications are favourable to the property fulfilling earlier sanguine expectations induced by the extensive surface showing it has. Gold Bug, one of the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Co.'s big groups of claims, continues to show up satisfactorily and a very profitable return is expected from a trial shipment of 10 to 20 tons that is to be made to the Trail smelter.

There continues to be much activity here, particularly on the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria group. A new hoist has been placed over the shaft on the boundary line between the Old Ironsides and Victoria, and mine buildings are being erected here also. The cross-cut tunnel from the

GREENWOOD Old Ironsides into the Victoria has CAMP. opened up a lot of ore-carrying

ground. The station, 350 feet in from the mouth of Knob Hill tunnel, has been cut out and sinking in the big lode is now in progress. Preparations for active work on the Brooklyn and Stemwinder, owned by the Dominion Copper Co., are being made in the direction of additions to the plant. Both the Snowshoe and Gold Drop are at work and interesting developments on both claims may be looked for.

The Winnipeg is putting out some good grade ore from a depth of more than 300 feet. This mine is developing satisfactorily, and it is expected that excellent returns will be received when its ore can be shipped for treatment. The main

WELLINGTON shaft on the adjoining claim, the CAMP. Golden Crown, is now down 322

feet vertically, at which depth sinking was lately suspended. Stations are being cut out preliminary to cross-cutting in opposite directions from the shaft, with the object of intersecting in this 300-foot level the ledge already tapped and drifted on at the 100 and 150-foot levels, and several other leads met with in a cross-cut tunnel run some time ago. A cage is being put in so as to facilitate the raising of ore from the different levels. It is stated that the Golden Crown will be the first mine in the district to substitute a cage for the bucket for ore-raising purposes. There are two boilers on the mine, together giving 100 horse power and the hoist is equal to working about double the present depth. Only two machine drills are now in use, but it is proposed to add two more shortly, and, as well, to increase the number of men below ground.

The B.C. is making steady and gratifying progress. Its operations, carried out down to the 160-foot level, have proved the existence of three distinct big chutes of ore, a large quantity of which is blocked out. It is claimed that one of the

SUMMIT dumps contains 3,000 tons of ore, CAMP. worth about \$60 per ton and returning about 22 per cent. copper, 11 ozs.

silver and small gold values. Another dump is stated to contain about 8,000 tons of ore, worth \$20 to \$25 per ton. It is understood that a contract has been entered into to ship to Trail for one year the ordinary output of the mine. What that will likely be is not stated. The Oro Denero and the Emma have both

had some effective prospecting done on the surface in the course of the work of grading the spur line from the Columbia and Western main line towards Greenwood and Wellington camps. No particulars of these properties are at hand just now.

Work is in progress in other camps and on other claims in the Boundary Creek district, and of these the City of Paris group should have attention, but no reliable information has lately been received by the writer. Reports of some of the properties on the North Fork of Kettle River are good, the Golden Eagle, Earthquake and Pathfinder having specially favourable mention. The last mentioned has four large and distinct ledges, the ore being copper pyrites carrying high values. From several of the camps tributary to the upper main Kettle River, above Midway, also come good reports, these suggesting that later some good mines will be developed up there.

Track-laying on the Columbia and Western Railway is being pushed as expeditiously as possible. The rails should be laid to the summit of the divide between the North Fork and Boundary Creek by October 1st, and then it should not take long to run down to Greenwood and Midway, grading being practically completed, and there being no bridge of large size to occasion delay. Work on the Granty Company's smelter at Grand Forks is proceeding as speedily as possible, and a beginning is about to be made with the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Anaconda, near Greenwood. Recently there has been experienced marked improvement in business throughout the Boundary Creek district, which contrasts favourably with the comparative stagnation that prevailed during the summer months.

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(From Our Own Correspondent).

The past three or four weeks has marked many important changes in the mineral industry here, an industry which is fast making history. The production point of ore shipments from Rossland mines has reached and even passed the record for the whole of 1898. The entire shipments then

THE were 111,282 tons, valued at \$2,470,-
YEAR'S ORE 811. For the 8 months and 21 days
PRODUCTION. ending September 21 there have

been shipped 113,000 tons of ore from Rossland mines, valued at about \$2,000,000 gross. With decreasing gold values it will be seen that it will yet take about 25,000 tons of ore to equalize the value of last year's output. When this point is realized the net gain in value will begin. Although this record, so far as shipments are concerned, is a gratifying increase much more remains to be done, and I hope in my next report to be able to record a much greater advance than that already noted. With the present facilities the ore output should be much greater, even from the regular producers than it is; we are promised this next month and are requested to have a little additional patience.

As to the dividend account for this year, it stands thus: On September 15th the War Eagle, the only dividend payer this year, paid \$26,250, making its total dividends for this year \$226,250, or a grand total for the mine of \$414,000. Under the Clark ownership, the War Eagle paid \$187,000. The first dividend under the present owners was declared