

The most important groups so far developed are the Sable Creek and the Glengary. The former is now being operated by the Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company, the Kootenay Consolidated Mining Company, and several others not incorporated. The lode has an average width of 35 feet, is plainly traceable on the surface, and is located for about five miles. The Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company started to crosscut their vein at a depth of 60 feet last fall, going through 25 feet of high grade pay ore without reaching their hanging wall. Their expert is of the opinion that they will show fifty feet of pay ore. The ore carries gold, silver and copper, and is concentrating, about ten and half tons to one. The other claims are yet in the early stages of development but show the same character of mineral on the surface.

The Glengary is a high grade galena property, assays for silver showing from 100 to 1100 ozs. and a fair percentage of copper. The ledge is about eight feet wide, has two feet of solid galena in sight, and will probably be a shipper this fall.

Other important groups are the Lexington, embracing six claims; the Pool, six claims; the Gladstone; and many others, all showing large bodies of ore on the surface.

Gold has been found in many places in creeks and rivers throughout this district and no doubt this season will witness some important gold discoveries.

Fish River, which runs through the district from Lardau City, a promising townsite, affords a natural highway and excellent facilities for economic transportation. This river is navigable for over twenty miles, to within a few miles of its mouth where rapids exist. The Government are now building a wagon road from Lardau to the navigable waters of Fish River. This will enable all the mines in that section to ship their ore and will greatly assist development in the district.

Notes from Boundary Creek.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

AT the Greenwood Camp, properties now under bond to Messrs. Turner and Innes of Vancouver, development is going rapidly on.

On the Gold Drop sinking is being carried on at two different places, and the camp is looking well.

A diamond drill, recently brought over from Rossland, is at work on the Snowshoe. It is the intention of this company to fully demonstrate the value of their properties for the coming summer, and on the result of their work will depend in a large measure the progress of the camp.

The Skylark Group of claims in Skylark Camp, it is believed, will soon be put in shape for active work. The Skylark shaft, which was filled with water, was bailed out last week so that the lower workings could be examined by interested parties. The Skylark, Denver and Silver King are included in this group, the Skylark probably carrying the richest ore in the district.

The Last Chance Claim, Smith's Camp, on which a 75 foot shaft was just completed, has never looked so promising as at the present time. The ore carries silver and lead principally, with some gold. Considerable native silver is also found.

Development is being pushed on the North Star and Lake View Claims, Long Lake Camp. On the former a shaft will be sunk to a depth of 100 feet, while on the Lake View a tunnel will be driven the same distance.

These are considered to be among the most valuable claims in Long Lake Camps.

A force of men will soon be put at work on the Morrison Claim, Deadwood Camp. This claim was located last summer and shows a large body of pyritic ore.

Important Points in Kootenay.

AINSWORTH.

A FLOURISHING TOWN on Kootenay Lake, about eleven miles south of Kaslo. It was originally known as Hot Springs from the chalybeate Springs which issue from the side of the hill in the upper part of the town and which supplied the inhabitants with the most luxurious hot baths. It is one of the oldest and best-known towns in Kootenay and although nearly destroyed by fire the other day, will be quickly rebuilt. The population is constantly growing, and the mines, about four miles back, are steadily shipping, notably the No. 1 and Skyline. The Ainsworth Camp is fortunate in possessing, not only rich galena ores, but also, what are known as dry ores. These contain silver and iron but no lead, and are especially valuable in the smelting process.

MIDWAY

Is very generally yet incorrectly called Boundary. It is splendidly situated on a large plot of level ground, some six hundred acres in extent, and is well watered by the Kettle River and Boundary Creek. It will, without doubt, be the supply point and residential abode for the mines and miners of the rich surrounding camps, and a place of some importance.

NAKUSP.

This is the northerly terminus of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, which runs into the rich Slocan country. It is situated on the east shore of Upper Arrow Lake, fifty miles from Revelstoke, and is the Canadian outlet for the Slocan ores, as much as 7,000 tons going out that way last year.

PILOT BAY

Is now a place of much importance to Kootenay, indeed to British Columbia, as the first smelter built in Kootenay, running ore and shipping bullion is located there. The main supply of ore that feeds the smelter is taken from the Blue Bell mine, about ten miles further north on Kootenay Lake, and which is also the property of the smelter owner, Mr. Hendryx. Buildings are steadily going up in Pilot Bay, and it will be the industrial depot of Kootenay Lake. Good stores, hotels, mails and local communications are all to be had. It might be added that the capacity of the smelter is 200 tons per day, and employs about 200 men. (See engraving in this issue.)

REVELSTOKE.

Situated on the Columbia River and on the main line of the C. P. R., Revelstoke is enviably blessed. Steamers may, and do, go down the Columbia and Arrow Lakes from Revelstoke to Northfield, over 200 miles, and here connections can be made with the Spokane & Northern Railway. It has exceptional advantages of communication, and is using them to the best advantage. There is a smelter, sawmill, also good stores and hotels; churches, schools, money order, telegraph and express