

Special Correspondence

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Both the Britannia Mining & Smelting Co. and the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. have subscribed half a million dollars to the second Victory Loan now being raised in Canada.

Alice Arm, B.C.

The Mineral Claims Development Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, is developing the Homestake Group, Alice Arm. The object of this company is to take up and develop prospects to the point where they can be offered to operating companies as proved mines. The Homestake Group consists of four claims of which George Clothier, Government mining engineer, says:

"Taking into consideration the width and continuity of the vein, the persistence of the mineral content, the improvement in appearance on what little depth has been gained in the open cuts, the grade of ore exposed in some of the cuts, and its favorable situation for mining, there are good reasons to believe that the property might easily develop an immense tonnage of concentrating ore."

Col. Gilson is the president of the Mineral Claims Development Company and C. M. Houghton is vice-president. The latter has been identified with the mining industry in British Columbia for the past twenty years, having been one of the pioneers of Rossland, B.C.

Stewart, B.C.

This mining centre may be said to be 'all set' for the winter. While many of its inhabitants have come south to spend the more severe months of the season there will be some 150 people remain in the town until the spring. A school has been opened and a good class of children has been mustered. In short, Stewart, not much more than a year ago deserted and without prospect of rehabilitation, is assuming the aspects of a permanent community and its residents have the utmost faith in its future.

Chief among the causes of its sudden development is the discovery of the riches of the Premier Mine, on which work is to be continued during the winter and from which several shipments of exceedingly high grade ore are expected before the spring. The Big Missouri, Joker, Forty-Nine and Bush also are promising groups of mineral claims, which are confidently expected to prove the mineral worth of the district of which Stewart is the Canadian outlet. While they are not yet proved mines, development in some instances is well advanced, and trial shipments probably will be shipped to the smelters this winter. In addition there are many prospects, the surface showings of which are most encouraging, the result being that prospectors and operators predict that Stewart is to be a mining town of first importance in the Canadian Northwest and that this will become more generally recognized during 1920.

On the Big Missouri the drilling has ceased, to be resumed on the return of better weather conditions. Work is to proceed without interruption in the driving of a cross tunnel on the E. Pluribus Claim, on which a high grade body of ore is being developed. The Province Group, it is expected, will be developed by diamond drill next season. Drilling on the Forty-Nine also is finished for the year but a considerable force of men will be maintained during the winter months. The Bush Mines, situated to the north of the

Premier, are being extensively developed with encouraging results, ore of the first grade having been struck. On the New Alaska a tunnel is being driven to open up the ore body. The Nabob Group, on Glacier Creek, has been bonded by C. G. Shoning and associates of Lead Point, Wn. An assay of samples from this property secured by Mr. Skoning before the closing of the deal is said to have given returns of \$189 in silver to the ton at current prices. Mr. Skoning, who has come south, proposes returning in the spring with the machinery necessary to open up this group.

A number of old properties are expected to become active next year. One of these is the Indian, on which some work was done in 1910, some first-class galena being taken from it at that time. There also is the Hercules for which a deal is said to be pending.

Anyox, B.C.

The Hidden Creek Mine, of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company has increased its ore reserves as a result of the past year's development. The quartz property operated to supply silica to the smelter is carrying larger gold values than formerly.

The company's by-product coking plant at Anyox is undergoing repair. Fourteen ovens, however, are again in operation.

Sandon, B.C.

The most active mining camp of the Kootenay is Sandon, which is regaining its past reputation of being the premier silver-lead centre of the Province. It is estimated that there are four hundred men working in the mine and mills of the Sandon camp, including the Alamo concentrator. Five mines are producing ore for Clarence Cunningham, the largest individual operator of the district. Of these the ores of the Idaho, the Sovereign, the Wonderful and the Old Richmond-Eureka, are treated at the Alamo concentrator. Queen Bess, which made a fortune for Mr. Cunningham, is shipping its high-grade silver ore south of the line for treatment. The Rosebery-Surprise Mining Company, Limited, is operating three properties in this camp, the Surprise and the Ivanhoe, which are shipping to the company's concentrator at Rosebery, and the Canadian, which is under development. This is in addition to the Bosun of New Denver, which employs forty men and sends ore to Rosebery. One of the oldest and biggest mines of the country, the Noble Five, is terminating a five-year period of deep development by erecting a big concentrator only less than that of Alamo in size, in which the machinery now is being installed. This is expected to be working early in the year if not before. Mill feed for two years is in sight. Honorable James Dunsmuir, owner of the Noble Five, acquired the Reco, an adjoining property, during the summer, and it is being developed on its own line, but eventually will be joined in deep development with the larger mines. The Silversmith is now in what is probably the largest ore shoot at present exposed in the district. The high grade ore having a width of four feet. This great ore body is between the eighth and tenth levels. The Rambler-Cariboo, to which has been joined the Jenny and Last Chance claims, also has struck a new body of milling ore, and ore is being milled from the 1,000, 1,200 and 1,300-foot levels. The McAllister at Three Forks is another mine of much promise. It is operated by the Spokane Silver Mines Limited and since its re-opening last August development has been in progress without cessation. There are now blocked out five thousand tons of ore. Be-