

weather having permitted work to proceed uninterrupted during the winter.

The big bond on the Dayton, where the rich surface strike was made this winter, has fallen through, but the owners, nothing discouraged, have continued sinking the inclined shaft, and with the most encouraging results, so much so, that it is doubtful if the former terms would be accepted. This property is situated between the forks of Rock Creek, some four miles east of the Cariboo in a rich mineral section, and where there are quite a number of locations with good showings.

The sale by the sheriff of the Camp McKinney Gold Mining Company's properties, the Granite and Banner, should in no way affect the prosperity of the camp, as the operations of the company have been looked upon with more or less suspicion ever since the work commenced, not a dollar's worth of the stock being held in the camp. There are still conflicting opinions as to the value of the properties, but only one opinion as to the management.

Quite a building boom has started in the camp, encouraged by the bright prospects and bright weather. On Cariboo Avenue, Messrs. Rose & McAuley are erecting a very handsome and commodious hotel, a very desirable addition to the camp. On the same avenue is Dr. White's residence, a restaurant and chop house, and a billiard hall. On Sailor Avenue, in addition to Major Megraw's residence, the Sailor hotel, and several private houses, a spacious entertainment hall with club room attached has been just completed.

#### FAIRVIEW CAMP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Dominion Consolidated Mines, Ltd., is steadily pushing development work on the centre ledge which runs through the entire length of the company's three claims. Some time ago a six-drill compressor plant was installed on this property and is now in full working order. The ledge runs up a fairly steep mountain side and consequently gives exceptionally good facilities for economical tunnel development. The tunnel has been started

near the lower boundary of the CONSOLIDATED. Flora claim and is now in about 290 feet, giving a depth from the surface of a little more than 100 feet. As this tunnel is being run along the ledge no dead work is necessary in the development of the claims and the further the work is pushed the better the values seem to be. From the time of commencing the tunnel to the present the average value of samples taken across the face of the drift has been from six to ten dollars per ton and samples across the ledge recently taken by the representative of some prospective English investors realized the average value of \$9.28 per ton at a width of eight feet. As this is a free milling proposition susceptible of such economical development and in control of water power more than sufficient for all the mechanical requirements of the mine, it would appear that there is a splendid future before this company, at least this is your correspondent's opinion.

#### BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mining matters in the Boundary Creek district, though not nearly so active as it was anticipated they

would be following the opening of the railway, are still exhibiting progress on the whole. There is, however, a decided general dullness in business in the towns notwithstanding the assertions to the contrary of those who are whistling to keep their courage up.

There is but little ore going out of the district apart from the 1,500 to 2,000 tons the B. C. mine is reported to have shipped to date. Possibly there will be an improvement in this direction after the completion of the several spur lines to mines. On the other hand there appears to be a growing feeling that mine owners will more and more favour local treatment in preference to shipping to a distant smelter.

The Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria group are still doing most work in Phoenix Camp. The Winnipeg is idle in Wellington Camp, but its neighbour, the Golden Crown, is proceeding with development so as to later be in shape to maintain a regular output. Work is being resumed on the Athelstan, also in Wellington Camp. The B. C. and Oro Denoro are both at work in Summit Camp. The former has lately received additional plant and the stockholders in the company owning the latter are to be asked on April 5th to authorize the borrowing of \$15,000 for the purchase of more plant. The Jewel, in Long Lake Camp, has received a compressor plant and information is being sought relative to the most suitable reduction process for its gold ore. The big plant for the Sunset in Deadwood Camp, consisting of two 80-horse-power boilers, half of a 20-drill compressor, an 80-horse-power hoist, and a Northey station pump, is now in working order. The equipment also includes a full equipment of ore cars, a water heater, two large receivers and an ample supply of air fittings. The Buckhorn, in the same camp, is still prospecting its ground down to the 200-foot level. The City of Paris, in Central Camp, is now sending out ore by waggon to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. There are numbers of other claims upon which development work is being done, but the foregoing summary takes in a majority of the most prominent mining properties now being operated in the district.

The Mother Lode, in Deadwood Camp, is again compelling attention.

On March 9th the British Columbia Copper Co. signed at its head office, New York, a contract to purchase from the Jas. Cooper Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Montreal, Que., the largest compressor, boiler and drilling plant yet ordered for the Boundary country.

The further statement has been made that there is none larger now in operation in Canada, but whether this be true or not there is no doubt that the directors of the British Columbia Copper Co. have, in ordering this additional plant after nearly four years' systematic prospecting of their Mother Lode property, given practical proof of their conviction that the company owns a mine that is full of promise for permanent and profitable operation. It is nearly two years since the company purchased from the Jas. Cooper Manufacturing Co. the following plant and equipment: Two 60-horse-power boilers, with feed water heater, pumps, etc., one 10-drill Ingersoll-Sergeant air compressor, with complement of machine drills, hose, etc., station, and sinking pumps, and pump for water supply, an Edison electric light plant, a Lidgerwood hoisting engine, 30-inch drum, a