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The totals of the revenue received at the Midway office were for 1898, \$11,659.20, and for 1899, \$22,101.78. The proportion of revenue from mining was:

	1898.	1899.
Free miners' certificates....	\$4,750 10	\$6,968 98
Other mining receipts .....	4,333 10	7,276 45
Totals .....	\$9,083 70	\$14,245 43

These figures show a general and very satisfactory advance all round.

Although the past month has been marked by steady progress, there is not much besides to chronicle. From Phoenix Camp the cutting of a body of good ore at the 300-foot level in the Old Ironsides mine has been recorded. Much activity continues on this property and the

PHOENIX CAMP, adjoining Victoria and Knob Hill, which are being worked in conjunction with it. Operations on the Brooklyn and Stemwinder will not be extended until after the new and larger mining plant shall have been received and installed, which will probably not be until well into spring. The Snowshoe, Gold Drop and War Eagle, also in Phoenix Camp, are likely to have development work continued on them steadily and to make an excellent showing later in the year.

In Wellington Camp the two leading properties, the Winnipeg and the Golden Crown, are getting into shape for shipping regularly. On the latter drifting at the 150-foot level and cross-cutting at the 300-foot level are being proceeded with for the purpose of opening up the ground, so that when shipping shall be commenced the output of ore may be regularly maintained. The Winnipeg lately sent out one carload of ore and is now loading two more cars. In this mine stopping is the chief work now in hand. Both the Winnipeg and the Golden Crown may be regarded as prospective regular shippers, but for the present the ore shipments from Wellington Camp will be intermittent and comparatively small.

The B. C. Summit Camp has already sent several carloads of ore to the smelter and is probably just now better prepared to keep up shipments than any other mine in the district. As mentioned last month, there are on the SUMMIT CAMP, dump 10,000 or 11,000 tons of ore, and the cross-cut at the 250-foot level is being advanced. With three shoots of pay ore continuing to the surface, there is a lot of productive stopping ground available for supplementing the ore already on top as the dumps are drawn on by shipments to the smelter. The Oro Denoro, also in Summit Camp, is being developed with the intention of making it a regular shipper, following the trial carload shipment already made to Trail.

The Mother Lode, in Deadwood Camp, is holding its own as one of the leading mines in the Boundary District. The upraise from the 200-foot level of the

new workings to the old workings above THE MOTHER LODGE has been completed and now preparations are being made to stope out ore with as many men as can be employed to advantage. The stopes will not be fully worked until after the cage ordered from the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and now on the way in from Peterboro, Ont., shall have been received and put into running order. The cross-cuts east and west from the 200-foot level, to prove the width of the big shoot of ore that the drift is in for 120 feet, are, like the drift, all in ore which it is estimated will run about \$15. A drift has been started from the station at the 300-foot level, so that it will not be long before it will be practicable to block out ore down to that level. When this shall have been done there will be between 500 and 600 feet of backs, the greater part proved to contain ore known to give values that will return a good margin of profit above cost of mining and treatment.

The plant for the Sunset is being installed and mining work on a larger scale is projected, so that this promising property should soon begin to show up well. It adjoins the Mother Lode and is believed to be on an extension of the big lead that is opening out so satisfactorily in that mine. The Morrison, in the same neighbourhood, is not working just now, but it is stated that more capital is being obtained to develop the ore bodies already discovered on this claim. The Buckhorn now has a compressor plant and hoist at work and is sinking a vertical double compartment shaft. From the Gold Bug, one of the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Co.'s claims, a second carload of ore has been sent to the Trail smelter. The returns from the first carload were stated in last month's RECORD to have been at the rate of \$111.55 per ton. The second carload returned \$157.20 per ton, in the following proportions: Gold 3.72 ounces, \$74.40; silver 130 ounces, \$75.40; lead 12 per cent., \$7.40. Total values for the carload, \$2,358.

Arrangements have been made to disincorporate the Republic Gold Mining Co., of Spokane, Wash. In its stead the Republic Gold Mines, of Greenwood, has been organized and incorporated. It is understood that Eastern Canadian capital has been interested in this organization, which will acquire from the old company the Non Such, Republic, Last

Chance and Hidden Treasure claims in SMITH'S CAMP. Smith's Camp, near Boundary Falls. Quite 1,000 feet of work, chiefly drifting, has already been done on the Non Such

whilst a 100-foot shaft has been sunk on the Republic and one to a similar depth on the Last Chance. The ore is quartz, values being chiefly in gold, with more or less silver. The work to be done under the new company has not yet been definitely arranged, but it is very probable that development will be vigorous and continuous until the value or otherwise of the properties shall have been satisfactorily demonstrated. The Golconda, also in Smith's Camp, is being worked and there is a report that the Boundary Falls claim is to again have attention. It was stated when work was in progress, in 1898, on this last-named claim that at the bottom of a 100-foot shaft there was an eight-foot lead of quartz carrying gold.

New strikes on both the City of Paris and the Lexington, in Central Camp, have lately been reported, but particulars of these have not yet been received by the writer. From all accounts the City of Paris is developing very well, payable ore bodies