

THE MONTH'S MINING.

SHOAL BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THERE is rather more than usual of interest in mining affairs to record this month. Since the December issue of the MINING RECORD, another lead has been discovered on the property known as Cobledick's, in Estero Basin. It is a very fine ESTERO BASIN. lead of chalcopryite ore, about 20 feet wide at present, for they are not yet through it. The owners are, of course, very much pleased, and are pushing work vigorously.

From a survey recently made of the Monte Cristo, it appears that only a portion of the work lately done by H. W. Treat is on the Monte Cristo, the balance being on the Bonaparte, a claim of exceptional surface showings, having a lead of pyrr-

BONAPARTE. hotite about 2½ feet wide, and traceable through three claims, and a supposed lead of rich chalcopryite three feet wide, but which has not been traced elsewhere, and yet another lead about fifty feet wide, the ore and quartz of which resemble very closely Douglas Pine rock, and is traceable for about 1,000 feet. Unfortunately no assays have been made from the latter lead, but the other two give good values, in gold and copper.

The work done on the Young Australian claim by the Fairfield Syndicate has disclosed some exceptionally fine ore, and it is a matter of YOUNG AUSTRALIA. much surprise amongst those who know the properties on this lead that work should have been so suddenly, notwithstanding the fact that the lead on their own claim is supposed to have pinched out.

Work on the Sunset, a bornite property, just north of Seymour Narrows, and owned by three prospectors, is being steadily prosecuted,

SUNSET. several hundred feet of work having been done by them. These men certainly deserve to be rewarded for their energy, for they have been steadily developing this property for the last two years.

Were all prospectors to follow the example set by these men, there is small doubt but that the Coast would hold a more prominent position in the mining world than it does at present.

CAMP M'KINNEY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

During the last two months work on the different properties has been progressing steadily, most of the machinery is already in place and there is every indication of a busy winter. There are at present ten

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. mines with pay rolls and three stamp mills running, while a fourth is nearing completion. In particularizing the work we may pass over

the Cariboo, which keeps its twenty-stamp mill running with the regularity of clockwork. The Waterloo, which started its five-stamp mill some six weeks ago, has been doing exceedingly well, so much so that another five stamps will be added early in the new year. The ore, which is similar to the Cariboo and about the same value, is being taken from the west drift, where the vein is about six feet wide. On the adjoining claim, the Fontenoy, development work is being pushed ahead in drifting from the bottom of the No. 1 shaft to cross cut the Waterloo vein, which runs through this claim. The Minne-ha-ha is having

a ten-stamp mill put up, which is all but completed and should be running shortly. A working shaft is being sunk in the Kamloops. The work has been somewhat delayed by the tardy arrival of the hoisting and pumping machinery, but that is now in place and sinking will proceed without further delay. The development work in the Sailor is proving very satisfactory, a fine body of ore having been encountered in drifting from the bottom of the shaft. The Pander is another claim which is making a good showing, the shaft, thirty-five feet deep, being in some good ore. The Granite claim is at the present moment closed down, it being rumoured that a deal is pending. To the east of the camp is the Lemon Company's property, the Gold Standard, in which is an incline shaft 200 feet deep; at the 125-foot level a 100-foot drift has been run; a saw mill is being put up to get out the necessary lumber for a five-stamp mill, which will be erected in the spring. A very rich strike was made a few weeks ago on a claim called the Dayton, assays going over \$800 to the ton. The vein appears to be from six to ten feet wide, and gold is easily panned from almost any part of the surface. The strike has caused considerable excitement in camp. The Dayton is situated between the forks of Rock Creek, about four miles east of the camp. For a long time this section has been looked upon as most likely to produce a big mine, as mineral is found over a large area and carrying good values. Already the fortunate owners have had some tempting offers made for the property, but so far no deal has been consummated. Unfortunately there is a great deal of snow on the ground, so that would-be purchasers are unable to form any very intelligent idea of the extent of the ore-body, but those who are well acquainted with the ground claim the whole of what may be called the "hog's back," between the two forks, as being well mineralized, and that a big camp will be established there by spring.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The year 1899 has been the most progressive in the history of the Boundary Creek district. Doubtless the year now opening up will witness progress far beyond that of the period now under review, yet the prospect of a year of development far

THE YEAR'S PROGRESS. in excess of anything yet experienced in this district of big possibilities in no way takes away from the truth of the assertion that the results achieved during 1899 are greater than those of any other years since the work of opening up of the big mineral deposits of the Boundary Creek mining camps was first entered upon. In no part of this extensive mining field is the effect of development more evident than in what is now generally known as Phoenix Camp. Here a marked transformation has taken place, both in the activity displayed on at least a dozen mineral claims, some of which may now fairly be classed as mines, and of the camp with its fast-growing town of Phoenix. Here the properties operated by what are known as the Graves companies—the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Granby companies, which are practically under one management—easily lead in point of underground work, power equipment and building improvements. The three claims upon which attention is being concentrated adjoin, the Knob Hill being on the south and the Victoria on the east of the Old Ironsides. From No. 1 shaft on the Old Ironsides much drifting