

the Majestic group four claims. The principal values are in gold, copper and silver. Many assays of City of Paris ore yielded 1 oz. of gold, 2 to 5 per cent. of copper, and from 20 to 30 oz. of silver to the ton.

Old Ironsides and Knob Hill.—These properties, which, together with several neighbouring claims, are held by companies organized by Mr. Jay P. Graves, continue to attract much notice. A large amount of development work is being done at the 200 and 300-foot levels of the Old Ironsides and

GREENWOOD in their extensions into the adjoining CAMP.

Victoria claim. Several weeks since there were five ore-faces open in these claims in readiness to begin stoping for shipment as soon as transportation and smelting facilities should be provided, so as to warrant the work of maintaining a regular output of ore being entered upon. Similar activity to that shown in the Old Ironsides marks the conduct of the affairs of the Knob Hill, where following cross-cut tunnelling on a comparatively extensive scale, sinking from the main tunnel has been commenced. The mine buildings of these companies are in marked and favourable contrast to those of most others in the district, being larger and more numerous than are as yet to be seen on other mining properties. It is expected that before the close of next year fully 200 men will be employed on the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria, and already sleeping and boarding house accommodation for that number is being provided. The pay-roll will, however, scarcely be so numerously increased until after the Granby smelter, now in course of erection at Grand Forks, shall be ready to receive ore. It is worthy of mention that a portion of one or two of the claims held by the Graves companies having lately been platted and offered for sale in town lots, the demand for them was almost phenomenal and the sale of more than \$100,000 worth in one week of November was reported. This experience in town-lot selling—unique in the Boundary district—may be accounted for by the fact that already the town of Phoenix had been started on adjoining claims and had quickly developed into a busy centre. It is claimed that there are already between 200 and 250 men regularly employed within a radius of about a mile of Phoenix, so speculators and investors regard the new town—which many think will eventually become a second Rossland—as promising a good return for money put into it.

Other Properties Near Phoenix.—There are near Phoenix several other well-known mining properties besides those named in the foregoing paragraph. The Brooklyn-Stemwinder-Idaho group and the Rawhide, situate in another part of this camp, all merit notice, but the writer has no recently acquired information relating to them to communicate. Then there are the Gold Drop, Monarch, and Snowshoe. The last named is reported to be developing encouragingly. In this camp, too, are several claims held by three companies in which eastern townships capitalists are largely interested. These include the Lulu, Red Rock, Bald Eagle and War Eagle. A power plant is expected to arrive shortly for the War Eagle. The Buckhorn, in Deadwood camp, and the Golconda group, in Smith's camp, have also been acquired and are being worked by companies in which the same capitalists are large stockholders.

The following is a briefly summarized reference to several of the better-known claims in Summit camp.

The work of deepening the main shaft of the B.C. mine from 160 feet to 260 feet is being proceeded with. This mine will probably be shipping ore to the Trail smelter by the time this letter appears

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in print. The rails have been laid along the branch line to the mine, so that transportation facilities have at length been provided. It has been announced that the ledge has been met with at a depth of 169 feet in the main shaft of the Maple Leaf, one of the Rathmullen Company's group of claims. Work is proceeding on the Oro Denoro, both at the 200-foot level, and on the ledge exposed in cutting the railway grade across the claim. The Josie is also being opened. Little has lately been heard of the R. Bell, which was being prospected by Rossland men who held an option to purchase it. The Emma and several neighbouring claims, held by the McKenzie & Mann Syndicate, should come into prominence if a policy of active and continuous development be entered upon.

The Boundary Creek district is so big, with so many properties of either proved or prospective merit in camps spread over an extensive area of country, that it is not practicable, except un-

- GENERAL - der conditions too costly to be regu-
- NOTES - larly availed of, to supply recent information concerning, say only twenty of the leading mining properties. For this reason some mines of proved merit must of necessity be passed by every month. Among those thus reluctantly omitted from this month's summary is the Jewel, in Long Lake, where good work is being continued below ground, and additions are being made to plant and machinery above. The Sunset, in Deadwood Camp, and the Gold Bug, owned by the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Company, and which has three carloads of picked ore sacked ready for a trial shipment to the Trail smelter, other properties held by stock companies, shareholders in which would probably be pleased to see particulars of, but these must, perforce, be left until a later date.

In conclusion, just a few lines respecting smelting and transportation matters. Both at Grand Forks, where the Granby smelter is being erected, and at Anaconda, where the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter will be situate, construction work is being steadily pushed forward, the stated intention being to have both these reduction works ready for operation next spring or summer. The railway is fast approaching completion, and already it has proved to be of great benefit to the district. In fact, with the waggon roads in such a deplorably bad state as they now are, it would have been simply impossible to have hauled in over them anything like sufficient supplies for the ordinary needs of the increasingly large population the district now possesses. The recent opening of the railroad for regular traffic through to Greenwood is therefore a source of almost universal satisfaction. It is pertinent to here remark that prominent railroad officials state that the patronage accorded to the Columbia and Western Railway has already exceeded their expectations.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The total quantity of ore shipped from Rossland mines for the eleven months and twenty days, ending