

"The Boundary Creek mining district, as its name implies, lies along the international boundary on the British Columbia side of the line. It is about thirty-five miles west of the Trail Creek section and is bounded roughly between the north fork of Kettle River on the east, Rock Creek on the west, and extends northerly some fifteen miles from the boundary. The district is reached by a 50-mile stage ride from Marcus. The area embraced is over 400 square miles, all of which can safely be said to be mineralized throughout its extent. The character of ore varies from the simplest milling to the very complex smelting ores. Ores of every necessary character for smelting are found in this district, as are also coal and flux. Excellent water and timber are found in abundance, while in the valleys large crops of grain, vegetables and fruits are raised. Grazing lands, on which thousands of head of stock range, are found throughout the district. Nature has indeed been lavish in her gifts to the Boundary country.

"In describing the mineral resources of Boundary Creek it is not found necessary to exaggerate in any form. The immense copper-gold ledges of Greenwood, Cooper, Deadwood, Summit, Brown's and other camps; the rich silver-gold ores of Skylark, Long Lake, White's Providence and Smith's camps, are all there in reality. They are large enough and rich enough. Nobody who is posted on the district can object to that. There are some who assert that the great ore bodies of copper and gold are too large on the surface to "go down." Development is rapidly disproving this statement. There are people who still say that the earth is not round; some men must kick, but actual facts being now demonstrated by work, count for a whole lot more than this idle talk.

"The present season has been an active one and work is now being carried on in a number of camps. The figures below, furnished by Mr. Wm. G. McMynn, mining recorder, Midway, B.C., give some idea of the increased activity this year:

1895—Entire Year.	
Location records.....	771
Certificates of work.....	140
Free miners' certificates.....	451
Revenue for 1895, \$6,371.	
1896—From Jan. 1 to Sept. 23.	
Location records.....	998
Certificates of work.....	443
Free miner's certificates.....	640

"Revenue for 1896, about double the amount for same time in 1895.

"Following is a very brief outline description of the camps in the district. No attempt is made to go into details or to describe individual properties. We want you to go up and see for yourself. The claims named in the description are those of which samples of ore are exhibited, and on which more or less development has been done. There are hundreds of other claims on which there are good showings, but space forbids their mention, and those named are typical of the camps they represent:

"Greenwood Camp.—Ore bodies 10 to 100 feet wide; copper pyrites carrying gold; assays 3 to 15 per cent. copper, \$3 to \$100 in gold, a considerable proportion carrying \$10 to \$30 gold and 4 to 8 per cent. copper; samples exhibited from Stenwinder,

Gold Drop, Knob Hill, Snowshoe, Rawhide, Brooklyn, Standard, Old Ironsides and Phoenix.

Summit Camp.—Ore bodies 10 to 50 feet wide; copper pyrites carrying gold and silver; assays 3 to 20 per cent. copper; \$3 to \$10 gold, and some of the ores as high as 200 ounces silver; samples exhibited from R. Bell and Emma.

Wellington Camp.—Ore bodies from 3 to 20 feet wide; copper-iron pyrites and pyrrhotite in a siliceous gangue; assays from a few dollars to \$700 gold; also some silver properties in this camp; samples exhibited from Winnipeg, Golden Crown, Calumet and Buttercup.

"White's Camp.—Veins 2 to 12 feet wide; ores carry copper and gold; and silver, copper and gold; assays 3 to 10 per cent. copper, \$3 to \$20 gold, and 5 to 200 ounces silver; samples from City of Paris, Lincoln, Jack of Spades, Lexington and Excelsior.

"Skylark Camp.—Ore of two kinds: silver-gold and copper-gold; of first class, veins are 1 to 3 feet wide; assays 50 to 800 ounces silver, \$5 to \$50 gold; samples from Skylark, Crescent, Last Chance and Canadian. Of the second class, veins are larger; assays 3 to 20 per cent. copper, \$1 to \$6 gold; samples from Ruby and Tip Top.

"Long Lake Camp.—Veins 1 to 8 feet wide; silver-gold ores, siliceous gangue; assays from \$5 to several hundred dollars gold and silver; samples from Jewel, Dinero Grande and North Star.

"Smith's Camp.—Veins 1 to 8 feet wide; ore carrying silver and gold in siliceous gangue; assays from 10 to several hundred ounces silver and from \$3 to \$100 gold; samples from None Such, Republic, Last Chance, Great Hesper, Boundary Falls and Golconda.

"Deadwood Camp.—Large bodies of copper-gold and iron-gold ores; assays 2 to 10 per cent. copper and from \$1 to \$30 gold; samples from Great Hopes, Hidden Treasure, Gold Bug and Iva Lenore.

"Copper Camp.—Large bodies of cuperite and chalcocite carrying some gold and silver; assaying from 6 to 20 per cent. copper.

"Providence Camp.—Very rich silver-gold ores; veins from 6 inches to 4 feet wide; assays from 50 to 500 ounces silver, \$5 to \$100 gold; samples from the Combination, D. A. and Spotted Horse (the latter not so high grade).

"Brown's and Evan's Camps.—Have very large showings of copper-gold ores; these camps are on the north fork of Kettle River.

"Graham's Camp (west of Midway).—Rich copper ore, assaying well in gold and silver; samples from the Texas and Bruce.

"Among the recent new strikes may be mentioned those at James Creek (samples from the Crown Point), Pass Creek, Camp Kimberly, and the west fork of Kettle River (samples from the Headlight).

"The Rock Creek coal, a sample of which is exhibited, yields by analysis made by Guess Bros., as follows:

"No. 1. Coke, 65.5 per cent.; ash, 6.2 per cent.; volatile matter, 28.3 per cent.

"No. 2. Coke, 68.85 per cent.; ash, 15.4 per cent.; volatile matter, 15.74 per cent.

"Analysis of Boundary Creek limestone by the same chemists yields 97.2 per cent. calcium carbonate, 1 per cent. magnesium carbonate, 1.5 per cent. iron oxide and alumina, and 0.5 per cent. silica.