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PHOENIX OPERATION OF GRANBY MINING COMPANY, LTD.

Mining was first started at Phoenix in 1900. Early mining of the copper ore by the Granby Co. was done by underground methods. The ore was shipped by C.P.R. & G.N.R. to the company's smelter at Grand Forks.

Around the early workings the city of Phoenix soon took shape and became a thriving community of 2000 to 3000 people.

In 1919 the mines closed due to low copper prices, lack of coke for the smelter and the supply of ore was dwindling. The town was vacated very soon thereafter. W.E. McArthur of Greenwood acquired the claims in 1930 and mined small pockets of high grade ore until closed by the war in 1939.

In 1959 the mine was put back in production by the Granby Company. Mining is now done by open pit methods with benches carried through the old underground workings to recover pillars and lower grade material not mineable in the early days. Ore is mined and milled at a rate of 60,000 tons per month. Four tons of waste are removed for each ton of ore mined.

Picture of old Phoenix



The above photograph was taken from this location. It shows the old Ironsides pit in the background.









