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THE MINING CONVENTION.

WE devote a great deal of space in this month's issue to publishing a somewhat full report of the proceedings of the Second Annual Convention of the Provincial Mining Association. This report should serve as an advertisement not only of the Provincial Mining Association, but of British Columbia as well. It should be clear now that the Mining Association while having the utmost confidence in the future of the mining industry of the country, recognizes that its progress has been and is retarded by quite removable disabilities, and the organization's whole aim and mission is therefore the removal of those disabilities. That the Association has already accomplished much in this direction will, we think, be very willingly and cheerfully conceded, and had it not been for circumstances over which it has had no control its last year's record of work successfully accomplished would have been even more satisfactory. It was hardly to be expected meanwhile that, in a country of great distances such as this is, organization should have been absolutely perfected within the short period of one year, but it can nevertheless be stated that the Association is a thoroughly representative body, so far as classes and interests are concerned, although it may take some little time before branch organizations are established in some of the more remote mining districts and localities. Referring now to the recent Convention, perhaps its most gratifying feat-

ures were the harmony that prevailed and the absence of anything like acrimony in the debates. Since the first Convention was held a year ago, the suspicion that certain individuals who had taken a prominent part in promoting the movement were actuated chiefly by selfish motives has ceased to exist, and it is now generally admitted that the remedial legislation recommended by last year's Convention and re-affirmed at the recent meeting would if adopted by the Legislature, assist very materially in improving the conditions of mining in the Province and in stimulating and promoting the investment of capital in this industry. We are unfortunately prohibited by reason of space limitations, from commenting as we should have wished on the business considered and dealt with at the Convention of 1904, but after all, comment here is superfluous, when neither criticism nor objection are its excuse. It is satisfactory to note, however, that the Government has given assurance of a friendly disposition towards the Mining Association and now no longer regards that organization—as without any sufficient reason was the case—with covert distrust and antagonism in the assumption that it was in political opposition to the present administration, and it is to be hoped that it will now be clearly understood that in politics the Mining Association as an organization is absolutely and distinctly non-partisan.

In conclusion, we offer the Association our congratulations on securing the services of a thoroughly representative and efficient Executive Committee, including as it does some of the most eminent and influential men now engaged in developing the mineral resources of the Province. In re-electing Mr. John Keen, President of the Association, the delegates showed that they appreciated the work and worth of a disinterested man who has sacrificed both time and money to further their interests. It is not too much to say, in fact, that but for Mr. Keen there would have been no Convention this year, possibly the Association itself would have ceased to exist. He is nominally President, but when it was necessary he combined with that office, and performed the duties, of all others—secretary, treasurer, organizer. The Association has also secured the services of a most capable, energetic and painstaking secretary in Mr. E. Jacobs.

THE REHABILITATION OF ROSSLAND.

IT is not difficult to prophesy the rapid rehabilitation of the Rossland camp. During the last three or four years Rossland has suffered very severely. The causes which led to the crippling of Rossland's industry and destruction of its credit have been various, and people in accounting for the hard times there have mostly seized upon the most obvious causes and not