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**To Our Readers.**

The July number of The Record will contain, in addition to the regular mining news, a series of biographical sketches of the

**MEN OF KOOTENAY**

who have been prominent in the work of exploring and developing the district and making it what it is to-day,

**THE GREATEST MINING COUNTRY IN AMERICA.**

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There is nothing that appeals to the public mind so much as the experiences of the residents of a town or country. If these experiences are favorable to the country or town it counts for more in public opinion than all the descriptive articles that can be written. For this reason the publisher of The Record will make every effort to have the July number one of the best yet issued.

Mr. Alex. Begg will visit Kootenay during the present month for the purpose of collecting data for

**THE MEN OF KOOTENAY NUMBER.****EDITORIAL NOTES.**

In our May issue we took the ground that mining machinery should be admitted free of duty and that the present tariff regulations tended to retard the development of our mines.

Some kinds of machinery are not taxed, while others have to pay duty. There should be no such discrimination, as it limits the mine owner in his choice and probably prevents him from buying what would be to his advantage to obtain.

We have been at some trouble and expense in procuring from manufacturers in Canada and the United States their catalogues and price lists in order to impart the information they contain to our mine owners, believing that by so doing we were aiding the development of the mining industry in this Province.

We were somewhat surprised, however, to find that we had to pay a duty of six cents per pound on the catalogues we received by mail from the United States and as we thought there must be some mistake on the part of the customs authorities, we protested.

But the customs officers were acting within their line of duty, and in accordance with strict instructions from Ottawa. Not content with making mine owners pay duty on mining machinery, the Government endeavored by a tax, to prevent them from obtaining information as to the most improved kinds made and where to obtain them.

This is indeed carrying protection to a very fine point. We paid the duty on the catalogues we received, but in