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## EDITORIAL.

### AN ATTACK ABSOLUTELY UNJUSTIFIABLE.

The last issue of the British Columbia Mining Record contains an apparently inspired venomous attack on the constitution and objects of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines and its Executive Committee. The Chamber is stigmatized as a local Vancouver affair, merely posing as Provincial, and as being moreover an organization under strong suspicion of being run to the private advantage of a certain clique. Both charges are as unfounded as they are unjustifiable. The membership of the Chamber is, on the contrary, intended by its officers to be made as broadly representative as possible of the mining men and interests of every section of the Province. This the letters written by Mr. Taggart, the Acting Secretary of the Chamber pro tempore, at the instance of the Executive Committee, should amply prove. Thus, the following letter suggesting the powerful co-operation of the Provincial press in making the Chamber comprehensive alike in scope and membership, was sent to every

known editor in British Columbia:

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF MINES, }  
VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4, 1898. }

To the Editor of the British Columbia .....  
DEAR SIR: I beg to call your attention to the circular and copy of the Articles of Association of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, and on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Chamber I take the liberty of asking you for your co-operation through the columns of your valuable paper in introducing this undertaking. I might mention that the operations of the Chamber will be strictly impartial and free from tincture of speculation. A permanent salaried secretary will be appointed, who will give his entire attention towards compiling information regarding the mineral resources of the Province and conducting the Chamber on the lines laid down in the Constitution. It is important that representative mining persons in every mining district in the Province become associated with the Chamber, and, as soon as organization is completed, sub-committees will be appointed in each district throughout the Province. Trusting that you will favor us with your valuable assistance. Yours faithfully,

F. S. TAGGART,  
Secretary pro tem.

Nothing surely could well be less sectional than such an appeal as the above, which asks the co-operation of the press in every district of the Province in helping it extend the membership of the Chamber, and calls for suggestions of any kind as to the methods thought most advisable for the adoption of a Provincial Chamber of Mines. Moreover, the circular letter thus sent to the editors of British Columbia particularly suggests the formation of local sub-committees of the Chamber in each mining district of importance. Granted only a sufficiently large response to such an appeal to the press with the material result of a large accession to the Chamber of members from all parts of British Columbia, and the members thus joining would have it in their hands to control the operations of the Chamber as they thought best, and be able, amongst other things, to make choice of the city in which the chief office of the Chamber should be located, this