

It is gratifying to be able to state that the Provincial Government, the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are sending a large number of copies of the MINING RECORD home to Great Britain, for circulation there amongst people who are interested in mining, and who are looking for safe investments in that line.

In this way the work of making known the resources of the province is greatly assisted, and we have it in mind to add, at the beginning of 1896, other departments besides mining to this journal, so that all the various resources of British Columbia, such as lumber, the fisheries, fruit, seal-hunting, etc., may be dealt with. If we receive sufficient encouragement to warrant the extra expense we will do this. It is for the business men of the province to say whether it shall be done.

A perusal of the "Happenings at the Mines," in this issue, will show the large number of fresh discoveries being made, and the wonderful progress taking place in all the mining districts. East and West Kootenay, Cariboo, and Alberni, are all going ahead with rapid strides, and it is confidently expected that the year 1896 will be one of the most prosperous years British Columbia has experienced. It looks, too, as if American capitalists will not have it all their own way in the Kootenay, as the attention of English investors is now being directed to that wonderfully rich country.

We are glad also to note that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are alive to the importance of thoroughly tapping, by branch lines, our mining regions. It is not too much to say that before long the Pacific division of our great transcontinental line will be one of the best paying parts of the road. It is proper that the trade of our mining regions should be enjoyed by British Columbia, and by Canada as a whole. It is through the exertions of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that this will be done. We wish the railway company all success in their endeavor to open up our mining regions to the outside world, since an efficient transportation service will do more towards the development of our mines than anything else.

It has been demonstrated without a doubt that mining investments, if conducted on business principles, are the safest that can be entered upon. All that has to be done is to make sure that a property is really what it is represented to be. This can easily be accomplished by using ordinary caution, and employing only thoroughly reliable and experienced men to report upon it. When full particulars are ascertained, it is not difficult to calculate the value of the property, and the extent to which money should be expended upon it to give satisfactory returns. This is the rule, and, while sometimes there are exceptions, arising from unforeseen natural causes, which upset all calculations, they seldom arise where ordinary caution is used.

Speculating in mining stocks is one thing; investments in mining properties is another. In regard to the former, we have no advice to give, but, so far as the latter is concerned, we say to investors: Keep your eye on British Columbia.

Press Opinions of the "Record."

"The British Columbia MINING RECORD is a monthly journal devoted to the mining interests of this province, the October number of which was recently issued by Mr. Alex. Begg. It contains a large amount of information in its twenty-four pages, descriptive of various mines and mining districts, also an excellent condensation of the mining laws, lists of officials and assayers, and of the several routes by which the mining centres are reached. The publication is well got up in all its departments and will prove a valuable addition to the provincial press. It is an enterprise that may truthfully be said to fill a long felt want, and is deserving of encouragement by all interested, directly or indirectly, in the development of British Columbia mines."—*Colonist*, Victoria, B.C.

"We have received the first number of the British Columbia MINING RECORD, a monthly journal. It is excellently printed and well got up and contains a great mass of information culled from all the local journals in the mining district. It is a journalistic concentrator. We hope that it will succeed in saving all that is best in the mining news of the province and help in keeping it distributed far and wide."—*Miner*, Nelson, B.C.

"The first number of the British Columbia MINING RECORD has come to hand this week. The RECORD is a monthly journal devoted to the mining industries of the province. It is replete with information of the various camps, and will no doubt be well patronised. In addition to the general mining news, information is given regarding the mining laws of B.C., the Gold Commissioners and Government Agents of the various districts, stages, lines and distances, the mining centres and how to reach them."—*Golden Era*, Golden, B.C.

"We are pleased to see the first number of what promises to be a very useful publication, The British Columbia MINING RECORD (monthly). The aim of the publishers, as set forth in the introductory, is 'to make the RECORD a reliable authority on all subjects connected with the mining interests of British Columbia, so that investors and others may be able to keep thoroughly posted on what is going on in regard to the rich resources west of the Rocky Mountains, which are now only in the infancy of their development.' Full page maps of East and West Kootenay, Cariboo and Vancouver Island mining districts are being prepared and will, it is hoped, be ready for early issues. The paper comprises twenty-four pages and cover, well arranged and neatly printed. The matter is up to date and interesting."—*The Province*, Victoria, B.C.

"The British Columbia MINING RECORD is a new monthly publication devoted to the mining interests of this province, with offices at Victoria and Montreal, and under the management of Mr. Alex Begg. In introducing itself to the public it says:

"The MINING RECORD is published for the purpose of making known the mineral resources of the various mining districts of British Columbia. The greatest care will be taken to have the information as correct as possible, and for this reason steps are being taken to secure reliable correspondents at all the most important points in the province. It is the aim of the publishers to make the RECORD a reliable authority on all subjects connected with the mining interests of British Columbia, so that investors and others may be able to keep thoroughly posted on what is going on in regard to the rich resources west of the Rocky Mountains, which are now only in the infancy of their development. Full page maps of East and West Kootenay, Cariboo and Vancouver Island mining districts are being prepared and will, it is hoped, be ready for the November number of the RECORD. These maps will be of great service to the reader in locating any of the points referred to in the reading columns."

"In its first number the MINING RECORD gives good promise of living up to the standard it has set for itself, and the many people interested in the mining industry are liable to find this new journal a storehouse of useful information."—*Times*, Victoria, B.C.

History of the Mines.

As early as 1848, gold was discovered in British Columbia, upon the Queen Charlotte Islands, and mining operations on a limited scale were carried on for a year or two when the enterprise was abandoned, owing to the difficulties which the miners had to encounter. About ten years later, discoveries of the precious metal were made on the banks of the Thompson, a tributary of