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IN presenting our Annual we would apologise to all who have experienced disappointment in not having received their number as early as we had hoped to place it in their hands. The work has been delayed longer than we anticipated. Kootenay is a big district to cover, and our anxiety to make the annual as complete as possible is the only excuse we have to tender for not publishing on the date announced. Every section of the country has been visited by our special correspondents and artists: the result of their labors we now respectfully submit, and venture to hope that it will be favorably received. The information herewith furnished has been obtained from the most reliable sources, and is presented without fear, favor or affection. Particular localities throughout the Kootenays

have from time to time been "written up" by those immediately interested and in some cases at least with an apparent desire to detract from the merits of neighboring camps so as to inflate the richness of the section under treatment. We have endeavored to avoid these undesirable comparisons and present matters just as we find them. The naked truth is all that need be told of the Kootenays—the most favored section of a peculiarly favored province. Not a line in the annual has been indicted by any corporation, body or individual to "boom" their particular interests nor is a single sentence paid for by any party whose property may be mentioned. Under such circumstances the contents of the annual may be relied on as representing Kootenay in its present stage of development. Our work is endorsed by every board of trade and municipal body throughout the entire district we profess to cover, as will be observed by our illustrated pages. In this particular the position of the Kootenay Mining Standard Annual is unique. In faithfully representing the resources and beauties of our country to the world we feel that good will result, and to those who have assisted us in our work we tender our best thanks. All along the line we have been received very generously, which encourages the belief that our labors are fully appreciated.

Kootenay is a comparatively young mining country, but during its brief history some wonderful things have been accomplished. To-day we have some of the richest mines in

British Columbia, while the development work being done proves conclusively that there are equally rich bodies of ore yet to be handled. It is only a matter of a few months till new dividend paying properties shall have been added to the list and new shippers recorded. As the country is being opened up new discoveries are made which go to prove that the mineral resources of the district are practically illimitable. The first prospectors blaze a trail, the next flight of newcomers cut it out rendering it plain and passable; by those who follow the trail is still further improved, until ultimately it becomes a wagon road. This process is not as rapid as might be desired, nor is the provincial government to be complimented on their road-making policy: the tendency rather is to leave to private enterprise much that should be done at the expense of the public exchequer. However, the district is an extensive one, and the progress made is, on the whole, satisfactory.

The Kootenay district comprises an area of over 15,000,000 acres, extending north and south from the international boundary to the Big Bend of the Columbia. It is divided by the Purcell range of the Selkirks into East and West Kootenay, and almost the entire region is drained by the Columbia River, which flows north through East Kootenay and south through West Keetenay. It may be said that throughout the whole country mineral is found, and in great variety. Early in the 80's the Kootenays first came into prominence as a mineral section. A