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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

IN the course of the next two or three weeks we shall issue a special Christmas supplement of the MINING RECORD which we have every reason to believe and hope, will be highly appreciated by our readers. At least no trouble or expense has been spared to bring the number up to that standard of excellence worthy of the occasion and warranted by the present importance of our mining interests and the rapid advancement of our industrial progress. Some idea of the contents of the number may be gained from a perusal of the circular or prospectus enclosed herewith, but to this we should like to be allowed to add a word that with one exception in the way of a short story—and perhaps even so steady-going a periodical as the MINING RECORD may once a year, and at Christmas time, relapse into fiction,—all the articles and literary contributions are the work of local writers; such drawings as have been required are by local artists; the photo-engravings—which we venture to assert are quite equal to plates made by the best firms in New York and Chicago—have been prepared by a local firm in Victoria; and we do our own printing of course. We shall leave it to our readers to pronounce whether the result as a local enterprise is not creditable.

Meanwhile following our usual practice, one copy of the Christmas supplement (price 25 cents on the book-stalls) will be presented free of charge to each of our subscribers in good standing, but those desiring additional copies to send away—and a copy of this supplement will be far more acceptable to most people than the common-place Christmas card—should avail themselves of the special offer contained in the circular already mentioned.

THE MONTH.

THE eminently gratifying results which have attended the operations of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic company in the Quesnel River division this season sufficiently justify the opinion Mr. Hobson has consistently expressed for several years past regarding the possibilities of properly-directed hydraulic mining enterprise in certain localities of the historic Cariboo district. After a run of 68 days' washing with 2,750 miners' inches of water a second clean-up was made at this mine on October 1st, the product, after the process of melting, being a gold ingot, weighing 9,040 ounces, and valued at \$154,765. The returns would, we are informed, have been still better, but for an unfortunate and exasperating loss of time, entailing a suspension of operations for twenty-four days, owing to the non-arrival of explosives due to the impassable condition of the roads between Ashcroft and the company's property. This, notwithstanding, the mine has already produced this year gold to the value of \$290,040, and a period of nearly two months of this season yet remains in which hydraulic operations may be carried on. It is, therefore, reasonably safe to predict that the gold yield this season will come within measureable distance of trebling the output of any previous year since the inauguration of the undertaking in 1894, and represent considerably more than half the aggregate production made during the preceding five years. According to a statement in the manager's report for 1899, the total expenses up to and inclusive of that year, were \$439,026, and the total gold yield, \$528,000. Consequently a profit was then shown of nearly \$89,000 under the difficult circumstances of performing deadwork in the direction of clearing out old workings, opening up the hydraulic pits for continuous and profitable operation, installing plant and equipping the mine. Operations were, however, commenced this season with the equipment practically completed, and thus for the first time the mine has been worked under really favourable auspices as the returns show. It is possible