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THE MONTH.

We appear to have wasted last month a great deal more space on Mr. Otto Rosendale, whose real name is said to be William von Cadow, than that ingenious but hardly ingenuous individual is worth, or rather this is the conclusion at which we have arrived after the perusal of a full and most entertaining account of the career of Mr. Otto Rosendale published some weeks ago in the *Pacific Miner* of Portland, and for a copy of which we are indebted to one of our readers.

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The meetings of the American Mining Congress at Portland, Oregon, were held too late to admit of more than passing mention in this issue of the MINING RECORD. Thanks to the interest taken in the matter of having representation at this important gathering of mining men and others interested in the advancement of the mining industry by Mayor Barnard, for the City of Victoria, and Mr. Rowland Machin, for the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, the City and the Association were represented at the Congress by Mr. W. J. Sutton, geologist to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, a gentleman of known good standing in professional geological and mining circles and a member of both the Canadian and American Mining Institutes.

The Ymir Herald calls attention to an innovation likely to attract the notice of mining men travelling on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway to the minerals occurring in the district. In the passenger train running daily between Nelson and Northport has been placed an ore cabinet for the display of samples of ore from the mining camps through which that section of the railway passes. Ymir has been conspicuous in recent years at Nelson and Spokane exhibitions for the excellence and variety of its exhibits of samples of gold-quartz and other ores from its mining properties. Last year it not only had the largest and best collection of gold-quartz ores then shown at Spokane, but it also won first prize for the best exhibit of a nugget of gold. Besides its lode and placer gold it has other minerals of interest, prominent among which is the silver-bearing lime found in large quantity on the Hunter V. group, owned by the B. C. Standard Mining Company, of Nelson. Doubtless the travelling exhibit on the railway train will be thoroughly representative, even should space limitations necessitate its being a small one, for whatever Ymir has heretofore done in the direction of showing a collection of its typical minerals has been well done. ÷.

In their presentment to the Hon, the Chief Justice, on the occasion of his holding a Court of Assize at Atlin last month, the Grand Jury directed attention to the large area of mining ground in that district held under lease and upon much of which no work has been done. They asked that facilities be given the public to ascertain whether the conditions of the leases are being complied with in such cases, and recommended that, in the event of any leases being cancelled the ground they had covered shall not be again leased until after a period of thirty days shall have expired, such ground to meanwhile be open for individual location in 250-foot placer claims only. Having in mind the great advantage it is to any district where conditions are favourable to effective work to have as large a number of individual miners as possible working their own ground, we would urge upon the Government the desirability of adopting the recommendation of the Atlin Grand Jury. On some of the Atlin creeks there are numbers of individual miners working, many of them with fair success, while