

the first step towards securing the application of the necessary remedies. Already, the Provincial Government are understood to be seriously moving in the matter, and it is more than probable that the next Session of the Local Legislature will witness the sweeping away of the abuses in the connection, which are so fearlessly exposed in the present pages, and the adoption generally of such much needed measures of reform as are most calculated to stimulate and assist the business of mineral development throughout the Province generally and in the gold-bearing districts in particular.

To promote this good work and to aid in the dissemination of correct information on a subject of so much importance to the general interests of the country are among the chief objects of the present republication, and the public are asked to encourage it accordingly.

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