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We print elsewhere in this issue a letter from Mr. J. R. Crossan, local manager of the McCrossan undertakings in the Lardeau, replying to an article entitled "Preacher and Promoter," which appeared in the June issue of the *MINING RECORD*. Mr. McCrossan states that he has not read the article itself, but draws his own conclusions of its tenour from extracts published therefrom by the *Monetary Times* (Toronto). In only one particular does our correspondent challenge the accuracy of our statements, and that is in respect to the establishment of the Vulcan Furnace at Ferguson before it had been ascertained that suitable fluxes were obtainable in the immediate vicinity. He states that the company was perfectly well aware that the material was available, but as last winter the snow covered the ground to a depth of five feet or over, operations were delayed. But this does not tally with the assertions made by the "Rev." C. W. McCrossan in his bulletins to shareholders. If, however, the managements of these concerns will drop romancing and other stock-booming methods, and devote their energies instead to legitimate mining work, there will be no further grounds for criticism. The Triune, at any rate, is an exceedingly promising claim, and should yield good profits if operations are directed in anything like a competent manner.

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Our contemporary the *New Denver Ledge*, is generally conceded to be one of the wittiest and most original weeklies published in British Columbia. Yet in a recent issue it does not hesitate to crib *hokus bolus* a leading article from last month's *MINING RECORD* on the subject of our iron resources. Several other local papers have been guilty of the same offence of late. Not that this sort of thing really matters to us, but there is a journalistic etiquette which, we think, should be observed in British Columbia as elsewhere. A newspaper is perfectly warranted in extracting news of a certain kind after it has thus become public property from the columns of a contemporary without crediting the source from whence this information originated, but original editorial comment does not come under the category of "stealable" matter, and in all fairness proper credit should be given for it when it is considered of sufficient interest and value to be republished by another journal. Some of the technical periodicals published in the States, as for example the *Mining Reporter* (Denver) in self protection, even go the length of copyrighting the complete contents of each of their issues.

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It is gratifying to learn that at length better results

appear this season to be attending gold dredging effort, both in British Columbia and in the Yukon. The dredge at Lytton is said to be now operating successfully, and reports of operations at the mouth of Tranquille Creek, near Kamloops, are also distinctly more encouraging. In the Yukon, dredging is being prosecuted on Bonanza Creek and on Stewart River. Somewhat novel measures, it is learned, are employed in the former case, bedrock ground ahead being drilled and blasted, the material being afterwards taken up by buckets attached to the arm of the dredge. The direction of work on the Stewart River has been assumed by Mr. William Ogilvie, formerly Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, who having thoroughly investigated conditions in that locality is satisfied of the existence there of gold in payable quantities, which he believes is easily recoverable.

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It is with the deepest regret that we learn of the sudden death from drowning of Mr. Howard West, A. R. S. M., who for many years practiced as an assayer in the Slocan. Mr. West at one time acted as special correspondent of the *MINING RECORD* and contributed many valuable articles on the subject of silver-lead mining in the Slocan district to our columns. He graduated from the Royal School of Mines with honours at the early age of seventeen, and was generally regarded as an exceptionally clever and rising member of his profession. A most promising career has been suddenly cut short by his untimely death.

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Mineral discoveries of more than usual interest have been recently made in British Columbia. Thus, for instance, the recent discovery in several sections of the Similkameen district of ores carrying platinum, specimens recently assayed by Messrs. Baker & Co., of Newark, N. J., being found to contain 60 oz. of this metal to the ton, in addition to gold and copper values. On Whitewater Creek, too, near Kaslo, asbestos occurrences are being developed by a Montreal syndicate, while in East Kootenay much attention has of late been directed to the large surface indications denoting the presence of mineral oil there.

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We have had this month somewhat tangible proof of the increased interest that is now being manifested by Americans and others in the East in respect to mining development in British Columbia. Thus since July 1st, no less than a hundred and forty-three applications have been made to us for specimen copies of the *MINING RECORD*, while quite a respectable number of new subscriptions have also been received from the same quarters.