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### Announcement.

A SPECIAL (illustrated) number of THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING RECORD will be issued in December, and will form a handsome Christmas souvenir to send to absent friends. It will contain from fifty to sixty pages, beautifully illustrated with the best photo-engravings that can be obtained. The illustrations will embrace scenes in all parts of the province, as well as in the cities and towns. The resources of British Columbia will be fully set forth in an interesting manner, and it is the confident hope of the publishers that their efforts will prove to be of lasting benefit to the mining and general business interests of the province. A large circulation is already assured.

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### Editorial Notes.

The *Saturday Review*, of London, England, is evidently hostile to the Lillooet-Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields Company and has published several articles denouncing the scheme. Some people in British Columbia seem to attach a great deal of

importance to the unfavorable criticisms of the English paper and apparently are inclined to accept them as gospel truth.

We do not. In fact we take no stock in them whatsoever, because we know that in London, as well as elsewhere, there are wheels within wheels and the sayings of the financial papers in the great English metropolis are not always to be relied upon.

On financial subjects of a general character they have the reputation of being sound, but, when they deal with individual cases, their utterances are too often guided by interested motives.

We do not mean to infer by this that they are open to direct bribery, although it is quite possible that some of them are occasionally so influenced. But what we do say is that the best of them will advocate or denounce a scheme just as it may suit the interests of those who have been fortunate enough to gain their ear.

The criticisms of the Lillooet Company by the *Saturday Review* may have been written in good faith, but the virulence of the attack leads to the suspicion that there is some influence behind the scene which is not altogether of a disinterested character.

According to the *Saturday Review* the chief offending of the directors of the Lillooet Company appears to lie in the manner adopted by them to induce subscriptions to the re-organization stock. If the statements of the company's chairman, as published, are untrue, then it is a clear case of trying to obtain money under false pretenses.

But the *Saturday Review* does not say that they are untrue, only highly colored. Perhaps, if its editor would pay a visit to our mines, he might alter his opinion somewhat.

One thing the *Saturday Review* does say, however, which is worthy of note as confirming what we suspected, that some English papers are open to bribery, and that what they say need not always be accepted as gospel truth. The *Saturday Review* is our authority for this statement, although we were aware of the fact beforehand.

What seems to trouble the *Saturday Review* is that the directors of the Lillooet Company are being paid too much for their services. This may or may not be the case—all depends on the