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The British Columbia Chamber of Mines will not allow the hold they have secured by the success of this Convention to slip. They will continue a publicity in B. C. on the plane which it deserves.

Many mining men who have followed their calling for years were most forcibly impressed by the minerals displayed and the figures shown by the different engineers of the Provincial Government. These reports impressed them with the great possibilities of British Columbia.

The Convention was successful from every point of view and demonstrates what the get-together spirit will do when applied properly and British Columbia must not let the results of this Convention stop at this. The chance is here to drive home the publicity campaign which is already started and which will bring results of untold value to the Provinces, if properly followed up.

Mr. Rickard's address is well worth perusing and will give the investor something worth while to consider. British Columbia wishes investors to look at the mining possibilities in British Columbia from Mr. Rickard's point of view and the results of any investments made by them in B. C. properties should certainly be worth while if they follow the precepts as laid down in this address.

When mining men from Grand Forks, B.C., are registered at the Convention in Vancouver as delegates from the Northwest Mining Association of Spokane, Wn., bringing credentials from that Association, it surely shows that British Columbia has not looked after her interests properly. It also shows how other places have used the opportunity to turn out and keep in touch with the mining fraternity at every chance.

The response to the invitation from the British Columbia Chamber of Mines to the members of the mining fraternity to attend the first Annual International Mining Convention at Vancouver on March 17, 18, 19, far exceeded expectations. The result has been one of the greatest mining conventions ever held on this continent. The British Columbia Chamber of Mines certainly appreciates the response made to their

invitation. From the results of this Convention the British Columbia mining industry has received an impetus which, without doubt, will carry it far as regards future results.

DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL DEPOSITS IS A BUSINESS FOR THE VENTURESOME

One of the best things of the Vancouver Convention was the address by Mr. T. A. Rickard on "Mining: An Investment, A Speculation, or a Gamble?" We reproduce it on another page. We commend it to the attention of those who would attempt by legislation to remove the risk from investment in mining enterprises. Those who would heavily tax the mining industry may also read it with profit. More particularly we would call it to the attention of all who put their money in mining ventures. Such addresses will help to keep the very timid out of the industry and will at the same time attract the venturesome. Mining is a hazardous business as well as a hazardous occupation for the workers. It is a business for the strong, not for the weak. It is a business for the venturesome, not for those who are unwilling to run big risks.

There are fortunately in Canada many well established mining companies, employing large numbers of men and doing a profitable business. The big operating mines are the backbone of the industry, a great national asset. But to many of us the history of a property from the time of its discovery until it becomes a producing mine is much more interesting than its later history. Mines that are, are not so often in our minds as mines that may be.

We can sometime predict from surface examination what the results of development work in a new area may be. But such predictions are at best, a mere approximation to the truth. To obtain more information it becomes necessary to spend money, sometimes large amounts, in development work. It is well that those who provide the money should understand they run big risks.

We believe that there are plenty of people willing and able to risk money in developing mineral deposits, so long as there remains the possibility of some being richly rewarded. In Canada we have splendid opportunities for such adventurers. They should be encouraged by honest treatment, not discouraged by unfulfilled promises of certainty of success.