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THE MONTH.

A well-informed correspondent writing from the Slocan observes: "As to the interest in zinc mining, which is gaining every day, it is remarkable how well this new industry has been received. In conjunction with the lead mining, the possibilities for zinc are sure to become a permanent factor in the future."

Last month the Indian Chief, situate at Sidney Inlet, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, made its first shipment, having sent about 100 tons of copper gold ore to the Tyee Copper Company's smelter at Ladysmith. While the quantity shipped is not important, it is gratifying to note even this beginning of production by another Vancouver Island property.

The Atlin Claim reports that an endeavour is to be made to ship from Atlin before navigation closes for the season some 200 tons of magnesite (magnesium carbonate) in order to ascertain values in bulk and whether or not the mineral can be profitably shipped. It is understood that there is a large deposit of this mineral near Atlin, so that if it be found that it will pay to ship it the value of the production of that camp will be increased from this source.

The report of Dr. R. W. Ells, of the Geological Survey of Canada, on the coal measures at Quilchena, in the Nicola district, which we publish this month, will be read with interest. The opening up of the coal areas of Nicola Valley and neighbouring localities would do much to attract more attention to the district, which is not only adapted to agricultural and pastoral pursuits but has as well mineral resources, both metalliferous and non-metalliferous, that give promise of proving valuable and important.

The numerous applications received of late by the publishers of the *MINING RECORD* for specimen copies of this periodical is some indication that interest in our mining industry is on the increase. Thus during the past few weeks letters containing requests of this nature have reached us not only from the great European and American financial centres, but from such widely separated places and countries as, for example, Archangel, Russia; Rio Dequancio, Brazil; Republic of Colombia; Hong Kong, Denmark, Mexico, Queensland, Gold Coast, New Zealand, and British North Borneo.

In the September issue of the *MINING RECORD* we published a description of the British Columbia Copper Company's smelting works at Greenwood, Boundary district. The *Observer*, of London, England, made a digest of our article, accurately describing the improvements lately made, new plant installed, etc., but incorrectly gave credit for them to the company's general manager, Mr. F. Keffer. We have no doubt this error was unintentional, but as the superintendent of the smelter, Mr. J. E. McAllister, as stated in our article, designed and installed the Bessemerizing plant, and as his modern and economical metallurgical practice has been the chief factor in making these smelting works a commercial success, we hope our English contemporary will do him justice by making the necessary correction in its columns.

The following from the *Denver Mining Reporter* should have a local application in British Columbia as well as in the United States. "On the question of publicity it might be well to point out that the most practical plan for spreading abroad knowledge