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A NEW YEAR

The start of the new year finds the Philippine mining industry in a stable position. In spite of the difficulties which confront mining operators in opening up new properties-and most of the Philippine mines are 'new'—the percentage of successes in this country has been high. The companies which have made mines out of prospects are those companies which were sound from the first, which went ahead with exploration, development, and construction in a systematic and aggressive The failure of many of the companies which were organized during the so-called "boom" of 1936 can be attributed to the lack of these factors.

We have always realized that close cooperation between all entities concerned was essential; close cooperation between the laborers and the engineers, between the engineers and the directors, and between the company as a whole and the government. It is to this cooperation that the success of our undertakings is due; and we are properly grateful to it. As a result of it the Marsman organization has grown to its (Please turn to next page)

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present position; because of it we have found employment for some 10,000 men and women with an annual payroll running into seven figures.

The real accomplishments of mining cannot always be measured in pesos. The production of some ₱74,000,000 in gold during 1939 means far more than cash dividends to stockholders and even than employment of thousands of people. It means the creation of new wealth; the starting of new phases of industry; the opening of new areas of the country, all adding to the stability of the government and the prosperity of the country.

The Commonwealth has started a program of developing the economic resources of the country involving the expenditure of large amounts of government funds. The Philippine mining industry upon its own account has been

doing just this for years past. More than that, during these years, mining not only has been busy with its own perplexing problems, it financially has contributed very materially to the government. Taxes paid each year by the industry have risen sharply from \$\frac{1}{2}874,060\$ in 1934 to nearly \$\frac{1}{2}9,500,000\$ in 1939. The industry in 1934 employed but a few thousand workers; in 1939 around 75,000 men were on the job while mining contributed directly and indirectly to the livelihood of more than 700,000 people.

Thus the mining industry is taking a prominent part in the building up of the Commonwealth, through its creation of new wealth and through its harmonious cooperation with the government. The year just started, should see a continuation of this effort, with resulting benefits to all.

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