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OPENING GRAPHITE DEPOSIT.

Mr. J. C. Beidelman of Montreal is opening up a graphite deposit in Lyndoch township, Renfrew Co. Ont.

SHIPPING CHROMITE FROM A NEW MINE IN QUEBEC.

Several car loads of high grade chromite ore have been shipped from a deposit opened last winter near Richmond, Quebec.

THE MINERALS SEPARATION CORPORATIONS AND THE FLOTATION PROCESS.

During the past two weeks there have appeared in Cobalt and Toronto newspapers a number of articles calculated to arouse public opinion against the Minerals Separation North American Corporation. The refrain of all these articles is that the corporation is a German concern or controlled by Germans, and that its patents in Canada should therefore be cancelled.

It is possible that the authors of these articles believe that the corporation is controlled by Germans, for it is well known that one of the agents of the British corporation, which conducted the business at the time the war began, was the American branch of a German firm. If they do not believe it, they are using methods that are highly discreditable and if the charges cannot be proven, the episode will not reflect any honor on the mining fraternity.

We are not convinced that the charges have, at this date, been amply substantiated by the evidence offered. It is true that the association of the British corporation with Beer, Sondheimer & Co., is enough to arouse suspicion, and it is only reasonable to demand an investigation of the connection between these two firms and the American corporation. We are not overly enthusiastic about the possibility of proving the American corporation to be German and thus so easily disposing in Canada of the flotation patents. The chance of doing this is enough incentive to warrant a great effort; but it would be foolish to assume that the charge can be readily proven. Our own opinion at present is that the charge is false.

The charges made by the "Toronto World" are of such a character that we are doubtful as to their sincerity. Surely no one who had sufficiently investigated the case would state that the flotation process is a German process.

The charges made by the "Northern Miner" have been apparently more carefully considered than those of the "Toronto World" and are more worthy of consideration. We cannot avoid feeling, however, that the investigation made before launching the campaign has not been as complete as it might easily have been and that there seems to be a greater desire to arouse the public than to enlighten it.

Those who are interested in the application of the flotation process to the treatment of Canadian ores, have had plenty of opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the litigation that has accompanied the use of this process in other countries, particularly in the United States. During the past few years flotation and flotation litigation has been a never ending topic of discussion among mining men. Our excellent con-