

as a most favourable showing. In particularising the work of the year I shall, for convenience, divide my notes according to the creeks whose valleys furnish access to the various properties beginning with:

Ten-Mile.—The principal mine on this creek is, of course, the Enterprise, owned and operated by the Enterprise Mines Co., of London, Eng. The year has been used in development work and the erection of a concentrator and compressor plant. The results of the development work are said to be eminently satisfactory. There is a two years' supply of ore for the mill and the mine is looking better than at any previous time. This means a good deal, as the mine paid well in the hands of its former owners. Shipments have been small, as only the sorted ore taken out in development has been handled, but by the last of the year, should be in full swing. The Iron Horse group, close to the Enterprise, has been sold to a Pittsburgh company, which has done considerable development and is now installing pumping and hoisting machinery. The Nee-

manager's house and cottages, keeps its saw-mill running and has had a pay roll of about 140 men. They keep from 8 to 10 four-horse teams busy hauling up supplies and ore down.

The Speculator group adjoining and also under Mr. Collan's general management, has been paid for after a year's active development, and the price paid, \$55,000, shows their satisfaction with the property. Here, too, the buildings and surface improvements are convenient and commodious. A telephone wire has been run from the Speculator to the Arlington, on down to the saw mill and then to their office in Slocan. Another wire has been set on these poles and carried over to the Enterprise and down to the saw-mill on Ten-Mile.

The Mahon group still north of the Spectator and on the summit between Springer and Ten-Mile creek, has had a lot of surface work and will continue development next season.

South of the Arlington and across Springer creek some heavy work has been done in order to find the



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pawa group has just been bonded, the terms calling for continuous work on the property. A very complete saw-mill has been put in by Mr. Koch, about five miles up the creek. The local improvements are keeping this busy.

Twelve-Mile Creek.—The year has not been as prosperous here as was expected. The V. & M. mines worked during the earlier part of the season, but lack of funds in the treasury and some dispute among the owners, led to a shut down. We all hope to see them working again in the near future. The Champion group adjoining and on the same vein, has been sold to a Detroit company, which may start in to work it at once. The only property on the creek working at present, is the Myrtle group up at the head, where the owners have one of the best surface showings of the season and have just completed building, etc., preparatory to developing all winter.

Springer Creek.—The Arlington has passed into the rank of the big mines, has paid off much of its indebtedness, built new bunk houses, ore bins, sorting house,

Arlington vein. It is generally thought that this has been accomplished. Several properties have been at work in a small way near the head of the creek, and at least one of these, the Hampton, will keep at work all winter, shipping its high-grade ore—500 oz. or better.

West of the Arlington the Bondholder and Ottawa are both under lease and taking out ore.

The Tamarac group has been sold and will begin shipping as soon as rawhiding can be done.

Some 200 feet of development work has been done on the Morning Star. The Exchange, working under lease, is also producing some high-grade ore.

On Republic mountain, close to the town of Slocan, a Detroit syndicate has bonded, and will probably have purchased by the time these notes appear, the full string of claims located on the mineralised zone from Springer creek to the Republic, including some 12 locations. The Phoenix-Viking group, on the same mountain, has been purchased by a West Coast (Portland, etc.), syndicate and it will probably be worked on a very large scale this winter. The Transfer group has within the past few