

the announcement that the litigation between the Iron Mask and Centre Star mining companies has been terminated. It is understood that an agreement has been reached by which the case is to be settled out of court. The result of this arrangement is the removal of the embargo on operations in the Iron Mask workings, which operations have been resumed. Every one will be glad to hear that this celebrated case is to terminate by mutual agreement. The full particulars of the settlement have not yet been furnished for publication.

YMIK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

During the past month the Eldorado Mines, Limited, has been incorporated to take over the Eldorado, Carmencita and Chihuahua mineral claims from the original owners, Messrs. Breau, Rugg & Grantham. The capital of the company is \$150,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares, par value of 10 cents. The ore is a high grade galena, and runs as high as \$60. Mr. R. C. Pollett, the manager, has done extensive development work in the shape of cross-cuts upon the lead. At three points he has sunk through the wash a depth of 30 feet, and has struck the ledge which in one place is 60 feet in width and well mineralized. The property is certainly one of great merit. I might add that the property is situated on Porcupine Creek and within easy access of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railroad. During the month one of the most important mining deals in the history of the camp took place. The property of the Broken Hill Mining & Development Company, comprising the Wilcox, Bywater, Fourth of July and Wilcox claims, has been bonded by a French syndicate for a large figure. By

the terms of the bond work must be commenced immediately. This has been done, the syndicate having placed a good force of men to work developing the property. The property already has some 1,600 feet of work done on it by the original owners. The officers of the above company are: Stephen Bywater, president, Kalispel, Mont.; Cornelius Shields, vice-president, Bristol, Tenn.; A. B. Buckworth, secretary-treasurer, Ymir, and Philip White, superintendent, Ymir. Messrs. Long & Roberts are experimenting with a patent air compressor, and are erecting a trial plant on Wild Horse Creek. The agency is water, which, falling from a height, brings the air into a receiver, and the volume of water behind compresses the air. If the trial proves satisfactory, a number of the companies operating on the creek will obtain power from this plant. During the past few days the M. S. mineral claim, situated near the Wilcox group, has changed hands at a good figure. J. Fleutot has purchased the same. Ymir has sent an excellent mineral exhibit to the Spokane Industrial Exposition, which opened at Spokane, Wash., on the 2nd October. The different mines have contributed some excellent specimens of mineral. Pierre Maris, professor at the College of Master Miners at Douai, France, paid our camp a visit, and your correspondent, in conversation with him, found the professor well satisfied with what we have. He stated that he would return next summer.

SLOCAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The scene of excitement in this division seems to have shifted temporarily from Sandon to Slocan City,

a number of very important deals having been consummated lately in that vicinity. It has been known for a long time that the Arlington was developing into something more than an average property, fulfilling in this respect its promise of five years ago. The ancient saying that "Rome was not built in a day" is equally applicable to mines, it having taken years of patient study and systematic exploitation, not unmixed with vicissitudes of one sort and another, to determine its real value. Whether this is exaggerated or not we cannot say, but we do know that investors are backing up their faith in its prospects by bonding adjacent properties for enormous sums.

SLOCAN LAKE ACTIVITY. During the last month the whole of the claims—some ten in number—lying between the Arlington, on

Springer creek, and the Enterprise, on Ten-Mile, have come under the control of Mr. J. Frank Collom for sums which will aggregate \$120,000 when fully paid. The knowledge that 5 per cent. of the purchase money, or \$6,000, has already changed hands, in conjunction with the fact that men are now at work on the Speculator, one of the most important claims in the group, indicates pretty thoroughly the bona fides of the undertaking.

Stupendous as this transfer is, it is not the only one to be recorded in that neighbourhood, the Neepawa, adjoining the Enterprise in another direction, and previously under bond to Vancouver parties, having again been taken up. Percy Dickenson, representing the Warner Miller Syndicate, is the principal in this deal, which extends for eighteen months and involves the sum of \$30,000. A small shipment has recently been made from the property, which should serve as a guide to the quality of ore which may be expected on development.

It is encouraging to find that many of the older and better known prospects are again coming to the front after periods of severe depression, and it may be a happy augury for the future that the Arlington was several times relinquished, after considerable sums had been spent upon it. In this connection we note that the Two Friends, from which many carloads of excellent ore were shipped a few years back, is once more in a position to resume profitable operations, and such old-timers as the Howard Fraction and the Tamarac groups are to be given another trial. Despite the woeful failure at the Golden Wedge, machinery is being packed up to the Chapleau with all speed, and it is in the realm of probability that before Christmas the hills of Lemon Creek will again resound to the heavy thud of a stamp mill in operation.

Taken altogether, the outlook at Slocan City is certainly brighter than it has been for many moons, and should merely a fraction of the deals and operations projected at the present time prove successful, the foundation will be laid for a larger and more progressive population than that district has ever known.

The Wakefield remains closed for the present, although it is not to be expected that the company will abandon a mine of such resources and a brand new mill and tramway costing well on to \$100,000 without further trial. As a natural consequence it is announced that an independent engineer is now on his way to examine and report fully before the board decides on any definite course to be pursued. That his report