

northward to Canada and destroy the Canadian steel industry if the bonus were incontinently withdrawn. The development of the industry must be continued by public assistance. An end cannot be put to it until the supply of cheap ore makes the importation of pig-iron from the United States unnecessary and unprofitable.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

For some time past a number of the larger United States firms have been establishing branches in Canada, in order that they might avoid paying the Canadian tariff. The Press of that country is now raising the complaint that their manufacturers are being compelled to locate in Canada, through the Canadian tariff. Why should the Americans raise a complaint of this kind. Canada to-day is following the example of the United States. Our tariff is like unto the one which has already built up the United States at the expense of Great Britain, and with injury to her manufacturers. The United States manufacturer must not feel hurt when the dice turns up against him.

The Ontario municipalities, with the exception of Brantford, voted overwhelmingly for the model by-law authorizing provisional contracts for the supply of electrical power under the auspices of the Hydro-Electric Commission, at the head of which is the Hon. Adam Beck. It is only to be hoped that public administrators will justify, by their efficiency in handling the most ticklish problem that has ever been set a congerie of municipal council, the wisdom of the electors. Since the by-law was carried there has been practically no outstanding development of the situation. There is nothing to do but to wait the natural development of estimates, and orders for power. There is comfort in reflecting that Mr. Beck has announced that the estimates of the Commission, already given out, were based upon the assumption that only one-half of the municipalities might endorse its policy.

With the advent of the new year the Harbor Commission of Montreal underwent a radical change in organization. For at least seventy years that somewhat numerous board of business men represented varied interests in looking after the harbor of Montreal. There were delegates upon it representing the Dominion Government, the shipping interests, the municipality of Montreal, the Board of Trade, Corn Exchange, and Chambre de Commerce. This arrangement has now ceased. The ten or a dozen men are succeeded by a board of three, and these three appointed by the Government. It may well be hoped that the new arrangement will result in more satisfactory administration than the board had shown in recent years. Political views in the past appeared to have too much sway; the result gave rise to discussion and wrangling, which often delayed the necessary work of the port. Excessive Government influence, too, was frequently alleged; and the chairman was thought to defer too much to the views of gentlemen at Ottawa who were not always disposed to regard the Montreal point of view, and did not appear to be alive to the national importance of the harbor.

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