

BIG STEEL PLANT MAY COME TO LONDON WOULD EMPLOY NOT LESS THAN 150 MEN

As Business Grows Would Employ Fully 1,000
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ST. THOMAS IS AFTER THE PLANT

But London Has a Good Chance
If the Authorities Take the
Matter Up at Once.

London may secure one of the largest steel industries in the United States.

During the past week, Messrs. Rich, Goodenough & Rhinn, of Detroit, together with other Detroit capitalists, have been in St. Thomas, looking over that city as a prospective site for the firm's operations.

A conference was held between the council of St. Thomas and the members of the deputation, and the matter was discussed at some length. Nothing definite was done.

The St. Thomas papers contain nothing about the affair, as they are maintaining an agreed upon silence.

Disappointed With St. Thomas.
It was learned, however, that the Detroit men were somewhat disappointed in that no proposition was submitted to them by the city representatives.

London's claims were laid before the members of the party, and were most favorably considered.

A proposition will be submitted to the St. Thomas council, after which London will be considered.

The firm will employ from 150 to 1,000 men within five years.

It is understood that the Wilcox plant on Chelmsford Green will be looked over by the capitalists.

London Can Get It.
"London can get this steel company, if it goes after it properly," said a gentleman to The Advertiser. "London is just as well situated for such an industry as St. Thomas."

"It's up to the manufacturers' committee to be up and doing."

St. Thomas appears to feel that by keeping the matter dark, it can "clinch" it, but it is known that Londoners are cognizant of the negotiations, and there may be something doing shortly.

May Submit Proposition.
It was expected that the city council of St. Thomas would make a proposition to the firm, but no such proposition was made, and the promoters went back to Detroit, and may submit an offer to the council of that city very shortly.

A proposition will probably be made to London, too.

The firm is backed by Detroit capital exclusively.

It has a plant in that city employing considerably over a thousand men, and has also other plants in different parts of the States.

The company manufacture malleable iron and malleable steel and brass work. It will also make a specialty of railroad steel.

An Exclusive Field.
It will have an exclusive field in this country, manufacturing a line that is at present manufactured practically by the United States Steel Corporation.

"I know of one large automobile manufacturing in Canada that last year refused \$85,000 worth of orders because it could not get a certain class of steel castings," said a prominent citizen who is acquainted with the move.

"Nearly \$40,000 of this amount was in cash advances, and the firm had to send the money back. You know it hurts a merchant or a manufacturer or anybody else to send back money they once have their hands on."

The case of this auto firm is similar to the others, I presume. All this class of work must be imported from the United States. This firm will manufacture steel goods, and will incidentally boom the automobile business, as well as kindred manufactures."

Another Firm.
The United States Steel Corporation is also looking for sites in Canada, and will probably establish a plant along the River St. Clair or Detroit River, on the Canadian side.

"I know the firm all right," said a man who is in touch with the situation, and it is a splendid concern. It is not one of these companies that wants the earth, and then try to interest local capital in it. This firm is backed by very wealthy men. It is part of an old established firm, and is looking for a Canadian site for a plant.

It realizes the growing importance of the Canadian field, and is anxious to get in on the ground floor. The plant will require three acres and a half to begin with, and will be built in units, so that it can be added to without trouble. It is a good proposition."

SPRINKLED SALT ON WALK A LOCAL MAN UP IN COURT

Magistrate Love Looked Into the Case and Came to the Conclusion That George Mason Should Be Discharged
—A Colored Brother In Trouble.

For sprinkling salt on the sidewalk on Richmond street yesterday, George Mason appeared in the police court this morning charged with breaking the city bylaws.

It was a new one on Magistrate Love, who had to be informed concerning the bylaw which provides that a fine of from \$1 to \$50 may be collected from persons found guilty of putting salt or any similar substance on the sidewalks.

The object apparently is to preserve the walks, as the chemical action of the salt is said to be injurious to them.

In view of the facts Magistrate Love allowed Mr. Mason to go.

A Peculiar Charge.
Robert Hackett, a colored man, appeared on a charge of using vile language.

His worship considered it rather a peculiar charge, especially as Mr. Hackett is a deacon in a colored church.

However the man admitted that he had used the language, and made a number of statements about his wife, who he says has left him.

Mr. Hackett was given a warning, and bound over to keep the peace for a year towards his wife in the sum of \$100.

Mark Twain's Double.
A farmer from Westminster, who bore a most striking likeness to Mark Twain, stated that he had come in to see his daughter, and had a few glasses too many. He was allowed to go.

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CITY WILL CLEAN STREETS AND SUE FOR THE COSTS

Chairman Gerry of the Board of Works Reads the Riot Act to the Street Railway, Which He Says Must Do the Work at Once to Avoid Trouble.

"The London street railway has got to clean the streets," said Ald. Gerry, chairman of the board of works, to The Advertiser, this morning. "The streets are in a very bad condition and must be looked after. If the work is not done very soon I will order City Engineer Graydon to put on a large force of men, and sue the company for the cost. The streets must be kept as clean as possible."

BAD FOR WHEELING.
The large amount of snow and ice on the streets has made it very bad for cartage companies and delivery wagons.

It is impossible to use sleighs, and the wheels get into the gutters, making a great strain on the horses to pull them out. One wagon upset on Richmond street this morning, and a horse fell down on Dundas street, badly straining itself in getting up.

Some of the outlying streets are much worse than the downtown streets.

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LONDON CAMP UP IN THE AIR COL. PETERS LOSING FAITH

Militia Bodies Will Be Sent to the Tercentenary in Quebec Instead of This City.

NOTHING OFFICIAL ON THE SUBJECT

But Rumor Is Persistent in Toronto and London That There Will Be no Camp Here This Year—All Other Camps To Be Dispensed With.

Col. Peters, D. O. C., stated to The Advertiser this morning that he had as yet received no word regarding the camp at London this summer, and could not say whether it would or would not be held.

Considering the enormous expense the Government would be put to in taking so many soldiers to Ottawa, he did not now think it likely that the regular camps would be held, although he expressed the opinion that the training camp would be far better for the men than the trip to Quebec.

Col. Peters thinks there is sure to be some dissatisfaction among some of the regiments, as they can not all go to Quebec, and they are sure to think they are being discriminated against.

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