

for 20 million tons of direct-shipping ore per year by 1960. During 1956, the Iron Ore Company opened its fourth mine, the Gill, formerly known as Ruth Lake No. 1 deposit. The Gill mine and also the Ruth mine are in Labrador; the French mine and the Gagnon mine are in Quebec. The destination of 1956 shipments was the United States  $9\frac{1}{2}$  million tons; United Kingdom  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million tons; Western Europe about 400,000 long tons. Slightly in excess of 700,000 tons were consumed domestically. Shipments through the Contrecoeur transfer dock near Montreal amounted to about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  million long tons. In 1956, for the first time, ore shipments were sent on all rail from Contrecoeur to consuming areas south of Lake Erie. In 1957 it is expected that shipments from Seven Islands will exceed 13 million long tons and that a fifth mine, the Ferriman will come into production. It is conceivable that at some period after 1960 production of direct-shipping iron ore from the operations of Iron Ore Company may rise to the 30 million ton level and that there may be substantial additional production from either the Company's wash ores or from its low-grade beneficiating type magnetite-specular hematite deposits in the vicinity of Wabush Lake.

#### The Hilton Mines

During 1956 development of the Hilton Mines, formerly known as the old Bristol Mines, was commenced by Pickands Mather and Company in association with The Steel Company of Canada Limited. This project involves a \$15 million expenditure for open pit development and construction of magnetic concentration and pelletizing facilities. Mine and plant capacity is designed at 600,000 long tons of pellets per year, with initial production scheduled for late this year. Fifty per cent of the output will be shipped all rail to the Hamilton, Ontario plant of The Steel Company of Canada Limited; the other half will move by rail to plants of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation and Interlake Iron Company, in the United States.

#### Quebec Cartier Mining Company

Early this year the Cartier Mining Company Limited, a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, announced a \$200 million iron ore development program in the vicinity of Mount Reed, in the southwest part of the Quebec-Labrador Iron Belt, about 70 miles south of the Company's Mount Wright holdings. Plans call for the construction of a private railway, 150