

Province during a term of years, and the Dominion Government should encourage the manufacture of steel rails in Canada.

This question is one of immense, nay, of vital importance to us who are citizens of the Province of Ontario. There ought to be no point more favourably situated. Iron ore can be brought from the north-east nickel from the north-west, and coke from across the lake. The magnitude of the operations can be realized when I say that, from my personal knowledge, one private works in England paid in wages alone \$40,000 a week.

And not only Ontario, but the whole Dominion would be benefitted if we smelted our own iron and steel. Iron ore occurs in so many places that it is difficult to say what part of the Province might not be directly benefitted by mining, besides the general renewed prosperity it would give to the whole country.