

## A NEW SHIPBUILDING PLANT.

Mr. J. J. Long, president of the Collingwood, Ont., Dry Dock Company, states that arrangements are about complete for establishing at Collingwood a modern shipbuilding plant of very large proportions, at first capable of building four full canal-sized ships at once, or, if necessary, to build a 500-foot ship. The machine tools and entire equipment will be capable of turning out any steel ship that will be required in lake or canal trade. Arrangements for all this have been quietly going on for several months, and lately Captain Alexander McDougall of Duluth, formerly General Manager of the American Steel Barge Company, has decided to become a large stockholder and director in the company, and is at present helping the other directors to select machinery, machine tools, superintendents, foremen and men to properly start the enterprise. It is expected to have the works in full operation in four or five months, and so that the first steel ship can be launched by the middle of next summer.

Some special arrangements have been made in regard to the ship plate and material which cannot be explained at present. The Collingwood dry dock and grounds will be turned over to the new company, who will enlarge and rebuild the present dry dock up to the full requirements of trade.

## ANOTHER IMMENSE CANADIAN INDUSTRY.

James Connec, Esq., M.P.P., was in Toronto this week and states that Mr. F. H. Clergue, president of the Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co., and largely interested in other industrial enterprises in Algoma, is the moving spirit in the organization of the Ontario Lake Superior Company with a capital stock of \$20,000,000 to acquire the control of the Algoma Commercial Company and the Algoma Central Railway Company, by which the new company will come into possession of some 2,000 square miles of timber and mineral lands in that county.

A railroad line is being built as part of

the project, and forty miles is to be in operation next year, from Michipicoten harbor, on Lake Superior, to two hematite iron mines, one of which is the Helen mine, owned by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, in the Michipicoten range. The plan is eventually to extend the road 120 miles to connect with the Canadian Pacific at or near Missanabie.

It is estimated that the company will handle during its first year 1,500,000 tons of ore for the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

Mr. Connec, who has charge of the construction work on the railway, states that 2,000 men are at present employed in connection with the company's projects.

## CANADIAN GRAPHITE.

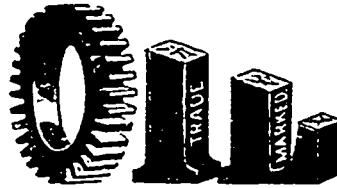
Mr. J. H. Orr, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., visited Canada some weeks ago looking for asbestos or timber rights, and in his explorations stumbled upon one of the finest graphite finds that has been made in this country. This graphite is claimed to be of the purest quality, and that there never has been anything brought on to the market or put in the hands of the mineralogist for analysis that can be compared with it for purity.

The mine is located near Pointe au Chene, Ont., and after a week's prospecting Mr. Orr is more than satisfied that he had made a valuable discovery. A gang of men have been employed on the find and they have succeeded in proving the property very thoroughly. The result of the prospecting is that they have made several openings and the graphite brought to light is of the highest grade. Competent judges state that

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