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PROTECTION BRINGS STEEL

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generated at Niagara, it is no secret that any plant utilizing this force will be able to produce steel at a cost of from 15 to 25 per cent. cheaper than at other plants in Canada, where the old methods are in vogue.



EUGENE REBER, Mayor of Port Colborne.

of such skillful men as the trust employs, drive any factory in Canada to-day to the wall. Brokers here declare the trust hopes to close the steel plant at Sidney, N.S., at once, and the Clegg at the Soo later. It is pointed out that the Canadian policy of a bounty instead of a high tariff is calculated to give those companies now in the field across the line an advantage, but not sufficient to protect them from the de-moralizing competition about to be forced upon them. Agents of the trust have been in Ottawa all the winter.



G. S. MACDONALD, Secretary of Board of Trade.

World concerning the progress of the plans to establish a big steel plant here. Secretary G. S. Macdonald of the Board of Trade received to-day another letter from Broker Robt. Legie of New York, urging him to see that the options on the 450 acres of land are taken care of for a few days. He added that his company was ready to proceed with the construction work as soon as the government's bounty was formally proclaimed.

Land surrounding continues to be held at very high figures. This does not mean that the big tract held for the steel plant will be advanced, as an agreement exists for the transfer of this property at a consideration of \$100 per acre.

Price of Real Estate Strong.  
The speculation about the company's coming in here had kept up the flurry in real estate for several months, but the definite details published in the World this week have increased this feeling, and what could have been bought for months ago for \$100 an acre cannot be touched now for \$100. Land adjoining and now held under option for the steel company at \$100 per acre is expected to bring \$300. It is felt here that there is likely to be some lively competition for this particular tract of

ever, the trust is not having smooth sailing. The financial part which wrecked President Schwab has, in a more or less degree, affected all the constituent companies composing the United States Steel Corporation. More than half the managers of the trust are in the hands of the different officials and the backers of the concern.

Excitement at Port Colborne.  
Port Colborne, July 17.—(From World staff man.)—Much interest has developed here over the reports in The



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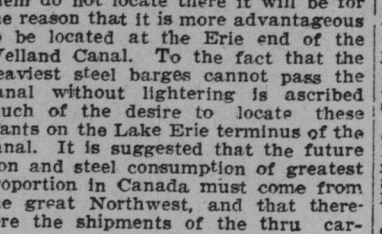
goes in the largest vessels to the North-west port most remote from the scene of manufacture will be the important point to be gained.

450 acres. It was reserved for the independent company represented by Robert Legie, but the citizens agreed to this thru their desire to secure the location of the big steel industry. Now that the trust is looking for a location as well as the desire to secure the location, there is a feeling here that the biggest company, calculated to do the town the most good, should be given the preference. Still, there are plenty of sites to accommodate a dozen big enterprises like these around Port Colborne.

It is now said that when the Grand Trunk began to double track its thru line from here to Goderich it was with an idea of raising the level of the traffic of these steel companies.

The peninsula offers in many respects many advantages for a big enterprise. In addition to the Grand Trunk, which covers the section in all directions, the T. H. and B. the Michigan Central, the Wabash, the Lehigh Valley and the electric lines traverse the region. Most of all in point of importance, however, is the proximity of the electrical power of the Falls. It is known that options have been secured on 6000 horse power by one company already and 10,000 by another for steel works in the peninsula. There is a disposition here to believe that Port Colborne will get both of the present companies.

Men Who Made Deal Possible.  
Mayor Reber, President Matthews of the Board of Trade, Secretary G. S. Macdonald, of the same organization and Mr. Tuck, the organizer of the Board of Trade, are some of the leading spirits in the movement to land these huge enterprises here, and they feel much elated. Hamilton is in line for the steel plant location, however. There is no disputing this. If one of them do not locate there it will be for the reason that it is more advantageous to be located at the Erie end of the Welland Canal. To the fact that the heaviest steel barges cannot pass the canal without lightening is ascribed much of the desire to locate these plants on the Lake Erie terminus of the canal. It is suggested that the future iron and steel consumption of greatest proportion in Canada must come from the great Northwest, and that therefore the shipments of the thru car-



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Conductor Mitchell was brutally assaulted last night by a drunken passenger who tried to collect his fare on a westbound King-street car. Frank Smith, the offender, boarded the car at the corner of Bathurst and King-street, and when the conductor demanded his fare a lively fight ensued, in which the assaulting, who was an exceedingly powerful man, pounded the unfortunate street car man's face until it was badly discolored and swollen. As they scuffled the car stopped at Spadina, and a crowd of curious on-lookers gathered around the scene. The man, who was severely injured, was taken to the hospital.

Phonics in Woodstock.  
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Saturate a little cotton batting with rub the gums with Nervine. Rub is instantaneous because Nervine acts at once on the nerves and drives away the pain. It is cheaper to have Nervine handy than to visit a dentist, get a bottle today. It is valuable for all cases of toothache, neuralgia, sick headache and stomach troubles. Poison's Nervine is safe, prompt and sure to cure every pain and ache that a human can cure. Thousands employ Nervine, why not you? Price 25c for a large bottle at all druggists.

RARE APOSTLE SPOONS

BRING RECORD PRICES

\$24,500 Given for Unique Set of Silver Antiques, Finest of Kind.

London, July 17.—Four thousand nine hundred spoons (\$24,500) for a set of spoons, and silver spoons at that. This was what a set of apostle spoons realized at Christie's today.

Complete sets of apostle spoons are rare. Christie's knew only of two. One was disposed of in their rooms in March, 1900, and fetched £1000 (\$3000). The other was the set sold today.

In this set there are thirteen, one for the Master and one for each of the twelve apostles. The bowl is of curious shape, with the deepest part at the end. The handle is surmounted by the image of Christ or one of the apostles.

The set sold three years ago was the property of Colonel Warren Swettenham and dated from 1617, but the thirteen sold today were made in 1558, in the time of Henry VIII. The spoons are of silver, absolutely the finest specimens of their kind ever offered for sale.

Brothers and sisters, according to the property of a gentleman in whose family the spoons had descended as heirlooms for many generations. The spoons are each seven and three-fourths inches long and weigh from three to four ounces and nineteen pennyweights. Each spoon bears the London assay mark, the date 1558, and the maker's mark, a sheaf of arrows. The bowl of the spoon is a sword and a book fastened by a clasp.

Inside the bowl is the sacred monogram in black letter engraving on a hat-stand. Considerable interest was taken in the spoons, and it was thought to be a pity that they were to be sold. When the spoons were put up a start was made by Mr. Mallet of Bath, who bid £100 (\$300). Crichton Brothers went in better by £100 (\$300), and the two bidders quickly raised the price to £1500 (\$4500).

At this point Mr. Mallet stopped bidding, and almost everybody thought the spoons had been sold. But a rival put in an appearance. He was Mr. Hart, a dealer in Victoria-street, and he started in merrily.

Up jumped the price a hundred pounds at a leap, until when Hart indicated he was willing to pay £2000 (\$6000) for the set. The auctioneer refused to bid again. It is understood that Hart was acting in behalf of a private collector.

CORNER ORDERED POST MORTEM.

Daughter of James Smith, Who Was Mysteriously Killed, Tells Story.  
Stratford, July 17.—A great deal of excitement exists here over the strange death of James Smith of Edgewood Corners on Thursday morning. When the body was picked up a V shaped wound was found on the head which, it was thought at first, had been caused by falling on something. But investigation shows conclusively that there is nothing the man could fall on. The wound is deep and several inches in length, but there is no blood to be seen near the wound. The fact is proved by a pillow upon which the old man's head rested.

Then again the accident theory does not seem possible, from the fact that the apex of the wound points back and force must have been produced from behind to cause such an injury.

The deceased's right shoulder was also broken, but it is thought this was done some time ago, as no positive information can be gained upon this point.

Miss Smith told her story to-day with great animation. She said her father was very drunk on Wednesday. He had been to Newton in the afternoon, but was sober when he returned, so it was thought he had brought home a flask. The family did not notice it. He seemed to be in his usual health.

James Brown of Lisleford called on the family and he was supposed to have produced a bottle and helped on the old man's drink. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left early, and the old man seemed himself sufficiently to bid them farewell and to ask a speedy return visit.

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THE GREAT PRAIRIE INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The company's lot is situated in the southwest part of the City of Winnipeg, in the district known as Port Rouge, and has a frontage of over 112,500 feet. The company bought this block as acreage at \$125 per acre, 250 acres, of which 250 acres, graded, and all expenses in connection paid; will cost the shareholders less than \$1 per foot. There is a junction of C. P. R. and N. W. R. R. a big stretch of railway, best water-power, all suitable for manufacturers, on the property; also there will be a number of river lots, and the property being well wooded makes it a valuable residential consideration in Winnipeg. The residential growth of the city is southwest.

Fifty dollars per foot is freely paid for lots around the Crescent, and the company is offering a substantial advance in acreage on their investment, but decided to sub-divide and survey into lots for increasing profits, which will provide large and speedy returns. Since June 2nd offers have been received from three hundred and thirty of them stating they would like to have the property put up sixty houses on the property if their offer is accepted.

Any number of shares (from 1 up) may be purchased at par, payable 50 per cent. down, balance in 80 days.

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GET RUSSIA'S COMMAND.

Opening of Open Ports in Manchuria is Meaningless Without it.

Peking, July 17.—The announcement that Russia has secured the United States that Moukden and Ta Tung Kao will be made open ports is accepted here as meaningless, unless the United States has secured Russia's promise to open the ports to the United States.

After this China would have no power over these ports. While the opening of the two ports eliminates the United States from any active quarrel, it contributes nothing to the solution of Japan's difficulties, and promises no solution regarding Russia's encroachment in Korea on her evacuation of Manchuria. On the contrary, the Japanese regard Russia's promise to America with apprehension.

What is a scoria, and what the purpose of its manufacture?

In reference to the first question, it may be said that Canadian scoria is the product of Canadian quarries, but the process of manufacture is a profound secret to all save those directly interested in the industry, and a secret that is zealously guarded. And the scoria is a valuable one. As to the purpose to which scoria blocks may be applied, they are many, but the principle one is the construction of roads. Impervious to water, and absolutely indestructible, as regards vehicular traffic or the ravages of frost, scoria blocks are used for all sorts of roadwork.

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