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PERMIT GRANTED TO EXPORT MANGANESE ORE.

Permission from the Federal authorities for the export from British Columbia of 5,000 tons of manganese ore to the United States, to be used by great Eastern plants now engaged on turning out munitions for the United States Government, has been granted, according to telegraphic advices received by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, through whose representations to Ottawa the required permit was secured. The mineral, of prime importance in the manufacture of munitions, will be shipped from the Curle mines, near Kaslo.

Some time ago the embargo against the export from Canada of manganese ores was raised by the Federal Government, but it was provided that no exports could be made except under permit, and then only if the Imperial Munitions Board did not require the mineral. The United States Government wanted the mineral, a considerable quantity of which was ready for shipment at the Curle mines, but there has been considerable delay in the issuance of the permit. Hon. Mr. Sloan got into touch with Ottawa, with the result that the necessary permit will be immediately issued and the export shipments authorized. The limit set is 5,000 tons, though at the present moment that quantity is not available.

Manganese is in great demand at present for war purposes. Its use is essential in the process of hardening steel. At present the price at the mines is quoted at \$25 per ton.

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