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Fifteen years ago the oxy-acetylene method of welding and cutting metals was hardly more than a laboratory process, but in the course of these few years it has become one of the most important of the methods in the metal-working industries. It has made possible the repairs of broken machine parts that previously had to be replaced by entirely new castings or forgings. Not only has the process proved of the utmost importance in repair work, but its application has been found to be of the greatest value in the manufacture of many articles.

In this connection the Williams Welding Works, entrance to which is gained by driving in the lane at 85 King street, is engaged in a business which is rapidly proving of great benefit to those who appreciate just what modern welding methods can accomplish. Mr. Williams has a thoroughly modern plant, and his work, which is looked after by experts, covers fender welding, steam boiler welding, the welding of tanks without rivets. In addition the plant is capable of taking care of scored cylinders by an electric process. Carbon, which is often a nightmare of the motorist, can be removed at the Williams Welding Works by oxygen, "while you wait." In fact, by the methods employed, Williams Welding Works can satisfactorily weld and braze metals of every size and description.

The story of the development of the oxy-acetylene welding process is interesting. Autogenous welding is generally spoken of as a modern development, and this, of course, is true as regards its present commercial application. As a matter of fact, however, it is known that the Romans used a fusion welding method for the joining of lead pipes a century or two before Christ. As they had no knowledge of producing the high temperatures required for the autogenous welding of metals having a high melting temperature, the early application of the fusion welding process was limited to lead, the melting point of which is about 620 degrees F.

The process of autogenous welding by means of the oxy-acetylene torch, or blowpipe, dates back only to the year 1900. About that time the process had its inception in France. For some time, however, the process remained more or less of a laboratory method and the commercial development may be said to have taken place during a brief period beginning about 1905.

DENNIS WIRE AND IRON
REPORTS BETTER BUSINESS

A revival of activities in building, engineering and manufacturing lines is reported by the Dennis Wire and Iron Works of this city. The branches and agencies of this firm in all the principal cities of the Dominion are giving tangible evidence of the improving conditions through the volume of inquiries received and the contracts they are sending in to the head office at London.

The Dennis Company is one of the fortunate concerns in Canada which has been able to keep its plant running practically at normal through-

out the past year. The management attributes their being able to do this, to a vigorous sales policy and to a wide-awake and persistent advertising campaign. The Dennis policy is this: there is always business to be had if it is gone after hard enough.

The products manufactured by this firm are used in the construction, decorating, and the furnishing of all classes of buildings. With the practical completion of the reconstruction period, and the noticeable return to normal prices in all lines of building specialties and supplies, a progressive improvement is looked for during the remainder of the current year in the volume of new building construction all over Canada.

London can now boast of having in the Dennis Wire and Iron Works the largest plant in Canada manufacturing iron and bronze work, and steel equipment.

The Dennis Wire and Iron Works has begun to export products abroad, and has sent Major B. M. Chisholm, a businessman of wide repute, to the Orient, to increase the export trade. Major Chisholm is also looking after the interests of seven other Canadian manufacturing concerns while in the eastern countries.

The department making bank metal is at present running to capacity. The company recently secured a contract from the Bank of Montreal to install all the metal work to be used in the bank's new head office in Montreal. When completed, the grill work and metal decorations in this building will include the finest pieces of metal construction work to be seen in the Dominion.

Other large contracts which have been given to the Dennis Company lately in preference to dozens of other firms are the metal decorating for the Banque Nationale in Quebec, and the ornamental iron work for the new head office building of the General Accident and Guarantee Company in Toronto.

The principal products manufactured are, metal wardrobe lockers, steel shelving, steel office cabinets, steel lavatory compartments, iron stairs, bank grills, fire escapes, steel sashes, and builders' wire and iron work.

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For the past thirty years the Superior Machinery Company of this city has been caring for the elevators in London, and in that long time has often repaired an elevator just in time to prevent an accident and perhaps loss of life. This company is the oldest firm of its kind in the city, and has on its staff men who have spent years in studying and repairing elevators of all descriptions.

Recently the Superior Machinery Company began to manufacture elevators, and from present indications officials believe that within the next few years these elevators will be the most popular in this district.

Bert Frampton, who was with the Otis-Pensom Elevator Company for more than eighteen years, is in charge of the new department. Mr. Frampton was connected with the Toronto branch for some years, and has traveled all over the province installing freight and passenger elevators. Later he had charge of the construction and service departments of the Otis-Pensom Company in this city.

Mr. Frampton has installed some of the largest freight and passenger elevators in Ontario.

The newest in elevators, the automatic type, which operates when a button is pressed, are being manufactured by the Superior Machinery Company as well as the older kind. A specialty is the manufacturing of dumb waiters of any size and for any purpose. Cables, accessories, oils and greases can be supplied for any make of elevator. Bench and machine vices and air compressors are two other products for which the demand is increasing every day.

The products of this firm are shipped to every part of the Dominion, the greater part of their business coming from outside the city. An experimental department is also maintained, where new ideas may be developed and models made.

The majority of elevators in this city, both freight and passenger, are inspected monthly by the Superior Machinery Company, and expert advice is given at all times.

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CANADIAN IRON AND STEEL
INDUSTRY REMAINS FIRM

The Canadian iron and steel market is firm, but no advance of importance has occurred. Seasonal improvement is taking place, but no more than has been expected. April business showed a slight increase over March, and from present indications, May will gain over April.

Bars and small shapes are principally in demand, although even these lines cannot be termed features for the call is not strong enough. Small tools and supplies are moving at a fairly good rate, and if the present strength continues, and it is expected that it will, May should show an increase over April. Competition is very keen, prices being cut to the bone in many cases.

Machine tools are steady, but not brisk. The tone is better, prospects are showing more interest, and several good deals are under way. At present these look very rosy, but when they will break is another matter. This is a buyers' market, with the result that several good purchases have been closed, that is from the buyers' bargain viewpoint.

Montreal reports a good demand for building supplies and lines such as spikes, nails, bolts and heavy hardware. Merchant bars are also active in that locality.

Non-ferrous and scrap metals are quiet in Toronto district. Montreal shows some price advances in scrap metals, but as the demand is weak, these prices mean little or nothing. Miscellaneous lines, such as waste, oils and steel pipe are all in fair demand, pipe being the most active of those mentioned. Bolts are rather strong in some quarters, one firm working overtime to supply the demand.

The motor industry is very lively, and textile trades are also busy. Business generally is improving gradually, and reports from various centers show that this improvement covers a wide field.

Finished steel prices in the United States are very firm. Shading has disappeared entirely, and some mills are even demanding advanced prices. On small tonnage they may get the premium price, but regular quotations apply to larger orders.

Pig production increased during April 5 per cent over March. A few districts showed a less, but the total production rate registered a gain. The coal strike was responsible for the lower rate in some localities.

The steel market still shows good signs of strength. Consumers in some cases are becoming anxious and importuning mills to accept their orders. The majority of steel ordered, however, seems to be going into stock. Based upon activities of the past three weeks, the rate is around 36,000,000 to 38,000,000 a year.

Connellsville coke offerings are very light, also the demand. Furnace coke is quoted at \$6.25, and foundry coke \$6.75. Connellsville coke has strengthened slightly during the past week, as eastern buyers came into the market, and the price is now \$3.

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