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IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA.

Consul-General John P. Bray reports the formation in Melbourne of two companies, one with a capital of over \$2,500,000, for the manufacture of iron and steel in Australia.

One company is to operate at Lithgow, in the State of New South Wales, where large deposits of magnetic hematite, and other iron ores, together with coal and limestone, are said to exist; the other is to be located near Melbourne, the ore being brought from the Tamar River, Tasmania. In both cases large plants are to be erected, and the whole of the machinery is to be of an up-to-date type. These companies are the first serious attempts to establish

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By order of the Board.

JAMES MASON,

General Manager.

Toronto, May 22nd, 1907.

the iron industry in Australia, though the local manufacture of at least sufficient iron and steel for the requirements of the Commonwealth has long been advocated by those interested in the subject.

ANTIFUME.

A patent preparation called "antifume" has recently been put on the market. It is claimed that in mining operations it is a health giving element, replacing the oxygen destroyed by the explosion of dynamite far from the point of ventilation, in sinking, driving, raising, well-sinking or tunnelling. It saves life from gassing, and no compressed air is required for twenty minutes after blasting. Smoke and gas have by this time dissolved, and the air can be used when returning to the face to resume work, although not absolutely necessary because of the danger from gassing. The quantity required is one ounce of antifume to one pound of dynamite or similar explosive used; and a cartridge of antifume is placed between the dynamite cartridge in the drill hole, about the centre of the charge.

During the year 1906 the public department of the city of New York burned 396,950 tons of anthracite coal at a cost of \$1,707,973, and 47,000 tons of bituminous at a cost of \$136,360. There is no law preventing the burning of bituminous coal within the city limits, but there is an ordinance for the prevention of smoke, therefore the municipal Government need not have its soft coal burned in the suburban parts of the metropolis.

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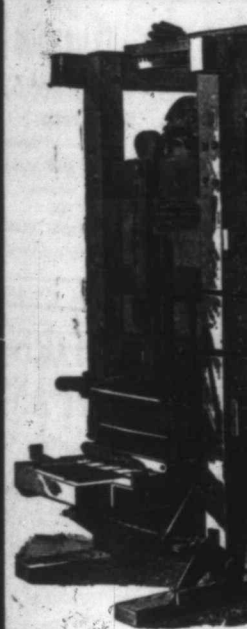
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