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STEEL INDUSTRY IN CANADA.

The announcement that the United States Steel Corporation is about to establish a large manufacturing plant near Windsor, Ontario, followed a few days later by the statement that Armstrong and Whitworth are about to establish a million dollar plant at Longueuil opposite Montreal, are two of the most important announcements made in a long while. Coupled with these two announcements, comes the annual statement of the Dominion Steel Corporation.

The Canadian Branch of the United States Steel Corporation is capitalized at \$20,000,000, and plans are already under way for the erection of a most up-to-date plant. The company have secured some 1,500 acres of land with one and one-half miles of water front opposite the city of Detroit, and will erect a number of blast furnaces, in addition to wire, rail, structural and bar mills and tube works. The Canadian branch of the United States Steel Corporation will be known as the Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd. It has a capital of \$20,000,000 divided into 200,000 shares of \$100 each, with head office in Ottawa.

The Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth Company, Ltd., of Elswick, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, who are about to locate at Longueuil, are one of the most important and largest manufacturing firms in Great Britain. At their Elswick plant, they give employment to over 25,000 men, while their buildings cover 120 acres. At Openshaw, near Manchester, they

have a second plant, they manufacture surface plates, screw threads, measuring machines, machinery tools, street sweeping machines and other machinery. At their Elswick plant they build steamships and many kinds of high grade machines. At their Canadian plant they are planning to erect rolling mills, steel foundries and other buildings devoted to the manufacture of high-grade steel and castings; lock gates, steel barges and various kinds of tools. The plant will cover in the neighbourhood of seventy acres and will cost \$1,000,000. It is expected to be running by May 1914, and to give employment to some five hundred skilled mechanics at the very outset, later on increasing this number to 5,000

Mr. M. J. Butler, formerly of the Dominion Steel Corporation, will be the Canadian Director in charge of the plant. Sir Percy Girouard, who is also a Canadian and well known for his engineering experiences in the Soudan and in South Africa, was largely responsible for the establishment of the industry at Longueuil. Sir Percy is a Director of the Armstrong, Whitworth Company.

The fact that two of the largest Corporations in the United States and Great Britain are about to locate in Canada, is highly significant. Among other things, it indicates that the large business firms in these two countries look upon Canada as a fruitful field for future growth. The progress of steel manufacturing in Canada is shown by the following figures:

In 1900 Canada produced 96,000 tons of pig iron and 26,000 tons of steel. In 1910 this