

News of Industrial Development in Canada

Maritime Steel Plants Idle—Large Pulp Mill for British Columbia—Temporary Relief for Ontario Power Shortage—Welland Secures Large Industry

THE strike situation at the Dominion Steel Corporation's plant at Sydney, N.S., assumed a more serious aspect this week. When the railroaders employed in the company's yards ceased work last week, it was not thought that the conditions arising from the strike would be very effective, but these conclusions were premature.

In addition to closing down of the Steel Corporation's plant the works of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. at Sydney Mines are in a state of idleness. Men have been employed roofing four batteries at the coke ovens and the steel plant in order to protect them from the weather. This is taken as conclusive evidence that the plant will be closed down for a prolonged period.

Both companies are more or less independent, as the steel industry in this country at the present time is not booming. Competition from other countries has greatly affected the export market, and altogether the steel companies here are experiencing lack of orders. There is still sufficient work on hand, however, to employ a considerable number of men, but it is understood that business is not pressing, and therefore officials can assume a firm attitude regarding the employees' demands.

British Columbia Pulp Mill

Plans for the establishment of a large pulp and paper plant in the vicinity of Prince George, British Columbia, have been completed, a concern in which some of the best known financiers of Eastern Canada are stated to be directly interested, and the first step in the erection of the plant will probably be made, following a visit to this province, of a large number of the principals in the venture in the very near future.

The syndicate owns over 200 miles of timber limits in Central British Columbia, in connection with which it recently paid \$200,000 royalties, and the plant and equipment which it plans to erect will involve an investment of over \$6,000,000. On its limits it has in view a cut of at least 30 years, it is stated, and has applied for three separate water powers, one at the Grand Canyon, on the Fraser River, one on the Willow River, and one on the Nechako River. Their plans provide for the development of one of all of these water powers.

The matter of location of the plant will be decided when the party visits the scene of the company's operations, as will the location for a sawmill and brickyards, to be utilized in the construction of the plant. It is believed that these plants will be located either at Prince George or very close to it.

In this connection the following names are mentioned: Lord Beaverbrook, Alexander MacLaren, president of the St. Maurice Paper Co., of Quebec; Angus McLean, president of the Bathurst Lumber Co., Bathurst, N.B.; Frank Jones, president of the Canada Cement Co.; Senator Edwards, Mr. Molson McPherson and Sir Chas. Gordon, of the Dominion Textile Co.

Relief in Power Shortage

While in London this week, Sir Adam Beck announced that the Ontario Power Commission had secured an additional block of 10,000 horsepower. Sir Adam stated that the 10,000 extra horsepower is to come from the Niagara Power Co., of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and that a reasonable rate had been tentatively agreed upon for incorporation in a contract that is to be signed at once.

"If the people continue to conserve and avoid waste of power we shall now have a sufficient amount to supply the demand," said Sir Adam. He added that the extra energy will tide the commission over the winter, and that as the load is lighter in the summer months the power famine should be a thing of the past, as the Chippawa plant will be ready for

the fall. It is expected that troubles may occur at times during the winter, but otherwise the commission is now in a safe position.

Welland Secures Industry

Another industry has been secured by Welland, Ont., according to an announcement by Geo. Day, industrial commissioner. The Cross Fertilizer Co., Ltd., has chosen a fifteen-acre site, and will build a plant to cost \$250,000. Nothing can be done in the way of building this year, but it is hoped that all the buildings will be put up and the machinery installed ready for operation by the fall of 1921. Since 1909 the Cross Manufacturing Co. has been manufacturing fertilizer at Sydney, N.S., from basic slag, a by-product of steel, which they get from the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.

The Acetate Products, Ltd., has under way plans for the establishment of a manufactory at New Westminster, B.C. The products will be wood alcohol, acetate of lime and charcoal. The company has taken over a plant across the river from the city, and alder wood, the raw material, will be secured from the abundant supply in the Fraser Valley.

The basket factory, owned and operated by Ralph Dauphin in Ridgetown, Ont., for several years, has been sold to the Canada Wood Products Co., of St. Thomas. The new owners will continue to operate the plant in conjunction with their other factory.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., have purchased a building at Brandon, Man., which will be used as a distributing warehouse. The sum of \$140,000 was involved in the transaction.

The Emerson Phonograph Co., Inc., of New York, an industrial concern, which has now five factories scattered throughout the United States, two in operation and three in process of completion, has disposed of its exclusive Canadian rights to the Emerson Canadian Co., Ltd., a new corporation, which is to become established in Brockville, Ont., for the manufacture of Emerson records, and ultimately phonographs. The capitalization of the company, which is endorsed by the Brockville Board of Trade, is \$500,000.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Coast Range Steel Co., Ltd.—Mackenzie River Oil Co., Ltd.—
Bousquet Gold Mines, Ltd.—Toronto Oil Co., Ltd.—
British-American Steamships, Ltd.

The following is a list of companies recently incorporated under Dominion charter, with the head office and authorized capital:—

Goo and Patrick, Ltd., Toronto, \$50,000; Belleville City Dairy, Ltd.; Belleville, \$40,000; Canada Copper Corporation, Ltd., Toronto, \$10,000,000; Ontario Silver Foxes, Ltd., Brantford, \$101,000; Canadian M. J. Daly and Sons, Ltd., Toronto, \$50,000; Genereaux Motor Co., Ltd., Montreal, \$200,000; Diamond Brush Co., Ltd., Toronto, \$500,000; Maple Leaf Soda Fountain Co., Ltd., Montreal, \$500,000; Mennen Co., Ltd., Montreal, \$100,000; Canadian Safety Razor Co., Ltd., Toronto, \$50,000; Stevenson Bros., Ltd., Toronto, \$50,000; Belvidere Properties, Ltd., Montreal, \$250,000; Keno Hill, Ltd., Toronto, \$1,000,000; United Oil Sales Co., Ltd., Niagara Falls, \$750,000; Office Equipment Co. of Canada, Ltd., Montreal, \$100,000.

Provincial Charters

The following is a list of companies recently incorporated under provincial charter:—

Alberta.—Great West Rubber and Footwear, Ltd., Lethbridge, \$200,000; Jaek-Allen Lumber Co., Ltd., Edmonton,