

In no one particular have the promises made by Stevenson Burke in the above letter been fulfilled. Within a short time after the letter was written the Company erected refining works in Cleveland at a cost of \$100,000, or more, for the purpose of refining all their nickel, not only that required for the United States markets but for the markets of the world. Since that time they have made an agreement with the Orford Refining Works, of New Jersey, under which the Orford Company agrees to refine all the product of the Copper Company's property and the latter Company agrees to control the development of nickel properties at Sudbury, with the result that these two Corporations now control the total supply and treatment of all the nickel produced in America.

In January, 1897, when the Dingley Bill was under consideration by the United States Congress, evidence was given before the Committee of Ways and Means by Stevenson Burke, president of the Canadian Copper Company, and Robert M. Thompson, president of the Orford Refining Works. A member of Congress from Nevada was urging upon the Committee the advisability of putting an import duty on nickel matte, the object being to cause a development of an alleged nickel deposit in that State. In order to prevent any action of the Congress in that direction, Stevenson Burke and Mr. Thompson went before the Committee and gave evidence of which the following are extracts:

Statement of Mr. Stevenson Burke, president of the Canadian Copper Company.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3TH, 1897.

Mr. Burke, said: "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Committee. I am president of the Canadian Copper Company and therefore may be presumed to know something about it. I wish to say this, The Canadian Copper Company, so called, is an Ohio Corporation, incorporated under the laws of Ohio, with, possibly, one little stockholder in Canada, holding perhaps 100 to 200 shares of stock, but it is absolutely an Ohio Corporation and the property was developed altogether by Ohio capital. The mines are owned in fee simple by the Corporation. The land