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## Plant made horeshoes iron bars, track bolts and railway spikes

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Company of Canada.

Within the sprawling compound, men toiled among furnaces to make railway spikes, track bolts, iron bars and horseshoes. In the days when horse and wagon along with rail and ship were the main

forms of transportation, the plant produced 40,000 kegs of horseshoes a year.

City resident Harold Keller played for the company's baseball team and although he was too young to work at the factory, recalls being in it. He, too, remembers the heat. Keller also recalls the names of a few

employees — Bill Roth, Jack Smith, George Foster and Bill and Gordon Pye.

James Higgs is believed to have founded the company and in 1911, Thomas Moore was its manager.

The plant's short life here is rumored to have been partly the result of a conflict between the company and the City of Belleville, but this can't be substantiated. However, it is known the business amalgamated with four other steel companies to form the Hamilton Steel Company of Canada.

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