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With the Press Party
to the Maritime Provinces

What the British Empire Steel Company means to Cape Breton

We recall when leaving Halifax on our Press special, on the evening of June 19th, that it was the warmest day of our Maritime trip and one was loath to enter a hot coach. However with a view for every comfort for the Press people, the Canadian National had electric fans whizzing in each of the seven passenger coaches, and individual fans for each and all in the party, so even if old Sol was pitiless in discharging heat waves, the C. N. R. was doing its level best to counteract them.

Breakfast the next morning in the diners, was hard to down despite its appetizing tendencies, for on each side of the coach were to be seen wonderful stretches of land and water. So close in fact was the water to the rails, that you were led to wonder if we were about to be engulfed. We crossed the Straits of Canso, about a mile in width, through the night by ferry, and were due to arrive in Sydney at 8:30 a.m. Cape Breton is almost completely divided by its chain of lakes and these—the

Bras d'or Lakes skirt the track the greater distance to that city. They are claimed by those that know to be the nearest approach to the famous English Lake District, made famous in Wordsworth's writings. To the Review representative they didn't require this knowledge of their similarity to the North of England Lakes to make them beautiful. But as we were on the return trip from Sydney on these lakes, we will refrain at present from further eulogy.

Under the term "The Sydney"—Sydney, North Sydney and Sydeny Mines are included. To understand their location, one must know something of the vast harbour in which the ships lying at anchor were gaily decked in pennants and streamers in our visit. Two miles wide at the mouth, it extends for four miles and then widens further inland. Sydney Mines and North Sydney are on the north side of the main bracketed waters of the southern arm. In this great harbour it is said, the combined navies of the world could easily find anchorage and ample depth of water in any part of it.

Cars were awaiting for us at the station as we pulled in and after a drive through the city, were taken to the huge British Empire Steel Works. The name sounds big and after being educated through the plant, feel that the title is fully justified.

This Plant has, since our visit, received much unpleasant notoriety through the Press, owing to the strike of its employees. However we are

leaving the daily press to air the pros and cons of the striking factions, as to attempt to give a detailed statement of the trouble would alone fill the Review columns. To the press nothing but pleasant memories exist of the courtesies shown and the patience displayed by the large army of workmen, in explaining to us, the various processes of the pig iron, which is refined into steel and from that the multitudinous movements that go to making ten pound steel rails down to the tiny shingle nail.

On the usual basis of estimate

this means that the activities of the Corporation provide livelihood for a population of approximately 60,000 people in this one section of Cape Breton alone!

But great and all as it was, we became foot-worned, eye-worned and ear-worn. The noise in the various departments was terrific and in many cases impossible to hear the guide's explanations. But we looked wise and interested—and we were interested despite our weary limbs. To show the thoughtfulness of the B.E.S.C.O., cars again met us as we completed the many stages and whisked us away to various homes of the officials of the Company. In order to remove the general grime that is sure to fall as a mantle on any one visiting the plant,

never listened to a better one. He had the after dinner speaking art down to a nicely and made things go in a crowd of our dimensions. Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed the visiting newspaper men to their city and after passing regret at the brevity of our stay extended to us the freedom of Sydney.

The chief speaker at this splendid luncheon was F. W. Gray, assistant to Vice Pres. McDougall, who declared that Canada had a rich heritage in its coal fields, but one of serious limitations, which sooner or later might force the eastern provinces into annexation to the U. S. Economic

loss of political power, but here in Nova Scotia is sufficient coal to make Canada economically independent and potentially great.

Mr. Gray pointed out that for 1000 miles, from the Nova Scotia coal field to the Alberta border, there are no coal mines and coal will never be found. For 500 miles to the south there is no coal. Along the Pennsylvania fields there is no coal. Along the Pacific coast, exclusive of Vancouver U. S. coal exists with the exception of some brown coal in Chile.

Mr. Gray enlisted for service at the front, with the result that to-day the mines are short of experienced miners. The gap cannot be filled he said until a new generation arises.

"We are making technical history by our unique mining methods in N. Scotia," declared Mr. Gray in closing.

"Some day mining text books will give ample reference to our success in the submarine mining of coal here."

Use of Coke

Mr. Gray, discussing the fuel problem of Canada, declared that coke from N. Scotia could be used in Ontario and Quebec and would prove an even better fuel than anthracite coal.

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