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Steel Company of Canada, Limited,

Londonderry, N. S., Aug 4 1884

B. J. Harrington Esq
Montreal

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor 28th was duly received and should have been answered before this but I could not contemplate the matter on account of pressing work. I feel that I owe an apology to some of the Mc Gill people as well as yourself. I had promised long since an friend Prof. Hoffman to send specimens and always found something to take my mind away. Business as it is all for the sake of science. I know (by reputation) Prof Hoffman to be a small man and he will not be any of Mr Gill get the specimens. Thanks for jogging my memory and his previous request. Would say this to him for me

Mr Sir as to the Londonderry Iron Works which are now under the just closed of trade depression. I may say to you and your friends, the B.A. who may desire to visit them that they are pleasantly situated in the midst of spurs of the range of the Cobequid mountains, 5 miles from shipping port at the Bay of Fundy, and connected with the Cumberland and Pictou and fields of the Intercolonial Railway.

The works consist of 2 Blast furnaces, 19 feet diameter of bosh and 65 feet high, with all the necessary appendages of modern furnaces, viz. Cupola hot blast stoves.
The production during the past year has been 3000 tons pig iron, which is principally used for stove plate castings, agricultural implements and also for conversion into malleable iron in the Rolling Mills of the works.
The materials used consist of the ores taken from the large deposits belonging to the property, a brown limonite and specular ore, also a spathic carbonate (siderite) which is roasted before being charged. The flux is a carbonate of lime (fossiliferous) found at Lanark near Brookfield 12 miles from Perth, and Anticline (a carbonate of magnesia) found in the ore mines near the works. The fuel is coke made from Bituminous coal and Nelson & Coal seams near Stellarton, Pictou county.
The usual charge of ore is 6300 lbs of ore, 3500 of limestone and Anticline, and 5000 lbs of coke.
The Rolling mills are of the ordinary type of merchant rolling mills, capable of turning out 10000 tons per annum and during the past twelve months, produced 8000 tons, varying in size from the 3/16 rod to 5 inch round and square, and flat iron of all widths up to 12 inch wide. Also, about 25 car axles per day.
The car wheel foundry is capable of making 100 wheels per day, of the chilled wheel patterns in use and the production of these during last year was nearly 3000 tons of wheels say about 15000 wheels.
The works have during the past year employed 800 hands in the mines, and in the works, viz in the extraction

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