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Nova Scotia Steel Co. (Limited.)

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMPANY.

New Glasgow, N.S. 4th August 1884

Dr B. J. Harrington
McGill College
Montreal

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th July has been duly received and we have much pleasure in giving you the information asked for. - Our works can only be said to be fairly started now although we made our first Steel Ingots in July 1883.

The process which we have adopted is the Siemens Martin or Scrap process, and for our common grades of steel we depend largely on our home market for our supply of Scrap Steel Old steel Rails &c., of which there is a large quantity in the Country. - For the better qualities of steel - Extra Spring steel, Fork steel, Rake steel, &c. - we use charcoal Iron principally from Norway, and hope in the near future to be able to use our Native ores.

We have one Ten Ton Siemens Regenerator Melting Furnace ~~and~~ one Siemens Regenerator Heating Furnace and three ordinary Reverberatory Furnaces - the two former being heated by Gas supplied by 4 Wilson's Gas Producers. - Our Plant consists of One 26 inch Copping Mill - one 22 inch Sheet Mill - a 16 inch Bar Mill and 9 inch Guide Mill - Hot Billet Shears capable of cutting Hot Billets 7 inches square, a Reeling Machine capable of Reeling steel Bars up to 3" dia., and a Twenty-five Ton Testing Machine by Joshua Buckton & Co of Leeds. All the machinery being coupled direct to, and driven by, separate Engines - the Copping mill being driven by a pair of Reversible Engines

30 inch Cylinder x 4 feet and 1000 St. P.

The Machinery is very massive and of latest improved patterns and was principally made by Messrs Miller & Co of Leathbridge, Scotland. The full Capacity of the works is about 7000 Tons per Year and at present we employ about One hundred Men.

We have much pleasure in sending you by our Traveller Mr. W. R. Fee - who leaves here for the West in a day or two, and who will call on you on his arrival at Montreal - samples of our Spring Steel, Round Machinery Steel, Rivet Steel, Fork Steel and Soft Centre Plow Plate, and also a sample of Steel Nails manufactured from our Nail Plate, and we have requested the Welland Valve Mfg. Co., of St. Catharines, Ontario, to send you a Fork manufactured from our Fork Steel. - Our products being principally Spring, Agricultural and Machinery Steel and Steel Nail Plate. -

The names of our Directors are James D. McGregor, President, Henry S. Pook, Vice President, James Dr. Carmichael, Graham Frazer and John F. Stairs.

As our Vice President will probably visit Montreal during the Meeting of the British Association he will be able to supply you with any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully

Graham Frazer

Manager