

INDUSTRY HERE FEELS STIMULUS OF WAR ORDERS

**Steels, Textiles and Car Com-
pany Reported Busier
Now**

**Staffs Called Back By Some
Plants—Probably Only
the Beginning**

War orders are gearing Hamilton factories to activity reminiscent of the boom days. Already substantial purchases of war materials have been contracted for and further business is expected when the British mission on war contracts places expected "very substantial orders."

Ottawa sources disclose that already relatively small contracts have been let, some described as of an "educational nature" for Canadian industry. The total is said to be less than ten million dollars.

From financial sources it was learned that increased industrial activity in the Hamilton area, which may be attributed directly or indirectly to war business, includes several major projects.

To establish peak efficiency for war-time production, the Dominion Foundries & Steel company is building three extensions to its plant, the Frid Construction company having been awarded the contract. Foundations are reported to be in for the plant of the National Steel Car corporation to be used to manufacture shell cases. National Steel Car is said to be building fuselages for Lysander bombing planes at its Malton plant and is expected to receive large orders for the manufacture of freight cars.

War orders for socks and underwear have been placed with Mercury Mills and Canadian Cottons, it was learned. International Har-

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vester is recalling its personnel and will reopen its twine mill.

Steel Company Busy

The Steel Company of Canada has operated at close to top capacity for several weeks, according to the report, and was estimated to have recalled 350 men to work.

The British commission has devoted its preliminary work to collection of information and analysis of Canadian plant capacity for proposed war contracts.

Payment for British purchases of war supplies in Canada will be made in Canadian dollars, it was disclosed, on the usual commercial terms of the particular trade, 90 days for some commodities, different contractual arrangements in others. The British government already has very substantial credits in this country, it was reported.