

from Canadian pig-iron, and such other ingredients as are necessary and usual in the manufacture of steel billets. These bounties are applicable till 26th March, 1899, in the case of furnaces in operation on the 27th March, 1894, and in the case of furnaces commencing operations subsequent to that date, but before 27th March, 1899, for five years from the date of commencing.

This Act was repealed by Chap. 6 of the Act of 1897, which authorized the Governor General to give (1) a bounty of \$3 per ton on steel ingots manufactured from ingredients of which not less than 50 per cent of their weight consists of pig-iron made in Canada, (2) a bounty of \$3 per ton on puddled iron bars made from Canadian-made pig-iron, (3) a bounty on pig-iron manufactured from ore of \$3 per ton on the proportion produced from Canadian ore and \$2 on the proportion produced from foreign ore.*

The Legislature of Ontario passed an Act in the session of 1894 appropriating the sum of \$125,000 to be known as the Iron Mining Fund. Out of this fund the treasurer is authorized to pay \$1 per ton of pig-metal product of iron ores raised or mined and smelted in the province of Ontario, the amount so paid not to exceed in any one year, \$25,000.

Under the Ontario Act mentioned above the Hamilton Iron or Steel Company began operations on 1st February, 1896.

Quantities of ores used and pig-iron produced :

	ORES USED.			PIG IRON PRODUCED.		
	Canadian.	Foreign.	Mill Cinder.	Canadian.	Foreign.	Mill Cinder.
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
1896.....	13,635	32,025	7,333	17,937
1897.....	2,473	31,002	5,036	1,226	19,587	3,041

*Long tons, 2,240.

None of the other provinces has done anything for the encouragement of their iron industry.

* An Act of 1898 provides that the provisions of the Act are to be held to have come into force on the 23rd April, 1897. An Act of 1899 provides that these bounties shall continue to be paid to 30th June 1907, at a yearly diminishing rate from 1902-90 per cent of the bounties to be paid in 1902-3; 75 per cent in 1903-4; 55 per cent in 1904-5; 35 per cent in 1905-6 and 20 per cent in 1906-7.