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and a vote passed empowering the Legislature of Nova Scotia to exempt steel works, that might be erected in the town of Sydney, from taxation forever.... (We ventured to ignore that mandate...." What Sydney did give was about 450 acres of land valued at \$83,000, a free water supply, and exemption from taxation for 30 years. There is also the implicit understanding that the town would undertake whatever measures proved necessary to accommodate such an expanded populace as iron and steel would bring. From the very beginning it was realized that having the steel plant in place was not enough. Announcing that it would definitely be established at Sydney, the Industrial Advocate: "... Its main influence will be to promote various subsidiary industries which will naturally cluster around and grow up with the larger undertaking." This was a continuing theme. Whitney repeated it in September in his speech to the people of Sydney: "Industries that depend upon the production of these metals are bound to follow. I have no doubt... and unless I am greatly mistaken, before many years the production of this vast concern will stretch from Atlantic to the Pacific, and the material manufactured be exhibited in all parts of the world. To the province of Nova Scotia will be restored its old shipbuilding industry." The August Industrial Advocate suggested a manufacturer of agricultural implements be sought as soon as the iron works are open, and said that it had been "reported" that the Montreal Rolling Mills had opened negotiations to locate in Sydney. But above all, the hope was shipbuilding: "When then a number of hard-headed, wealthy, widely experienced, shrewd businessmen have a vision of a vast shipbuilding industry being established at Sydney, we take it that, in Shelley's words, there is likely to be another illustration of the mind creating 'the thing it contemplates.'" But the Industrial Advocate recognized that it would require more than contemplation to get that shipbuilding industry or any other. There were assurances required "... that iron and coal would be permanent; that no fiscal or political changes are likely to bring danger to the enterprise; that the foundations of cheap material and labour will not be disturbed; and that industry will have a clear course unobstructed by anything except fair competition, which is not feared.... The high character and business ability of the men engaged... leave little doubt that the project will assume vast proportions and that there is opening up for Cape Breton an era of prosperity in which the whole province will share." By August of 1902, the Island Reporter (quoted in Industrial Advocate) "pleads for further measure of manufacturing enterprise in connection with the steel industry at Sydney.... An English manufacturer ... intimates... he will establish a plant for manufacture of finished products in iron wherever the best inducements are offered. ... If it is a question of a bonus," continued the Industrial Advocate, "we see no reason why something in this direction could not be done. We bonused the steel (36 /chuiciilz YOUR HOME FOR QUALITY HOME FURNISHINGS, TV, STEREO, VCR, AND APPLIANCES -il/ CONGRATULATIONS hTsv'v'oo SYDNEY ' • \*\*-' BICENTENNIAL /chuiciflz UIW PRICE GUARANTEE. /chuoiair SERVICE QUALITY TRUST IN CAPE BRETON FOR



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