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## STEEP ROCK - CANADA'S IRON LAKE

HITS NEW PRODUCTION HIGH

PLANS TO DOUBLE OUTPUT NEXT YEAR

Atikokan, Ont., January 00, 1948: Canada's Mesabi, Steep Rock Iron Mine, largest open pit mine in the Dominion, reports a new high in production - 1½ million tons of super-high grade ore in 1947 - it's third year of operation.

With the opening of the new "A" ore body, proven even richer than the present "B" body, output is expected to reach 3 million tons annually. Ore from Steep Rock is so rich that it can be mixed one ton to three of lower grades, still be right for smelting.

Steep Rock is part of the same belt of iron bearing rock as the U.S.'s famed Mesabi Range. But with the tremendous growth of American heavy industry and the enormous drain of the war, experts estimate that Mesabi has only ten years to go at present production rate. Reserves at Steep Rock are estimated at from 70 to 300 million tons.

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All Steep Rock production is exported to U.S.A., bringing in 8 millions of badly needed U.S. dollars for Canada. If next years production were converted to steel in Canada, it would provide the basis for a 60 million dollar steel industry.

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