



This is the basic field gun of the British Army as used in World War II. It has greater flexibility than the famous French 75, plus longer range, and fires heavier calibre shells. It is the famous 25-pounder, and this picture shows the first one ever to be built in Canada. On the stands, towards the rear, are barrels for several more waiting to be assembled and mounted

CANADA BUILDS ARTILLERY

ONE of the most important vertebra in the backbone of a modern army is its field artillery. A shortage of these weapons places a tremendous handicap on any army. To assure our forces of a plentiful supply, Canada has established at Sorel, Quebec, a

brand new factory to turn out various kinds of guns, and the famous 25-pounder in particular.

The dedication of the first gun took place last month and was an historic occasion for Canada because it was the first time that a complete gun and carriage had ever

been manufactured wholly within the Dominion.

Covering more than fourteen acres, this great plant is the only artillery manufacturing centre in the western hemisphere which produces guns and carriages right from scrap iron to the finished weapon.

Begun originally by the Simard brothers as a plant to fill orders for the British government, it was at first intended that technicians from the famous Schneider plant in France should operate this highly specialized and technical undertaking. However, the fall of France dealt a severe blow to this scheme as the men who were vital to the plant returned to their homeland.

As the war increased in tempo both the Canadian and British

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(Left) Behind the gun stand two prerequisites, precision machinery and skilled labour. These men are marching to work outside of the huge new gun plant of Sorel Industries, Limited,— they build the guns

