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### French Arms Company May Build Works Here

Possibility that the great French armament firm of Schneider-Creusot may establish works either in Montreal or Sorel in association with Marine Industries Limited, Sorel, was seen in a statement yesterday by Joseph Simard, head of the Sorel concern, who has been negotiating to that end with the European firm.

Mr. Simard said negotiations started following a visit he and his brother had made to France last year, a visit which was followed shortly after by a trip to Montreal and Sorel by Mr. Schneider.

While he thought the prospects of present negotiations looked good, Mr. Simard insistently pointed out, however, that there was nothing definite yet about the matter. He said he might have some news in a month or two.

*Letter Dr. W.*

### French Armament Firm Considers Establishing Here

*From Our Own Correspondent  
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MONTREAL.—Schneider-Creusot, the great French armament firm, and former part owners of the Skoda works in Czecho-Slovakia, may come to Sorel or Montreal. Negotiations are in progress, says Jos. Simard, head of Marine Industries Ltd., but no definite information is available as yet.

"I have been negotiating with the Schneider-Creusot interests," said Mr. Simard, "to get more work for Sorel, to add some new lines, owing to the irregularity with which we get ship contracts.

"My brother and I were in France last year, and we talked with Mr. Schneider. We are still working on that.

"Later Mr. Schneider came to Montreal and to Sorel, and visited us, to see what could be done.

#### Prospects Are Better

"I can tell you that prospects of something being done are a lot better now than they were some

time ago. We many know more in a month or two.

"We want to bring new industries, and new work, not alone to Sorel, but to Montreal and to Canada, in fact," he said.

"We therefore are trying our best to make a deal, to see if they cannot use our technical knowledge, or whatever they may need, in co-operation here to produce what is required.

"But I repeat again, there is nothing definite yet. But I hope we may have some news for you later."

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