

There are several blast-furnace plants in the adjoining county of Northampton, making foundry forge and basic pig iron. Lloyd's Ironstone Co. belongs to the great Scottish steel firm of Stewarts & Lloyds, with the Kettering Iron & Coal Co. The Islip Iron & Coal Co. and the Wellingborough Iron Co. work on local ores. Between them they own up-to-date furnaces, of which usually only eleven are actually in blast. There are two other iron-making firms in the county. The Northamptonshire ores are extensively used by the Derbyshire iron-making firms, most of whom own mines of their own. The ore finds its way also to Middlesbrough and the north-east coast, and to the Monmouthshire and South Wales furnaces.