

700,000 tons of pig iron and 230,000 tons of finished steel, with twenty-three blast furnaces blowing at one time. The Company is sinking, in partnership with the Cortonwood Colliery Co., a new colliery at Upton in South Yorkshire.

Dorman Long & Co. originally owned the Britannia Steel Works and leased the Clarence Steel Works from the old firm of Bell Bros., founded by Sir Isaac Lowthian Bell, Bart., the Ordinary Shares of which it afterwards acquired, together with the shares of the North-eastern Steel Co., and a large holding in the collieries at Shotton and Horden, in South-east Durham. It has also an interest in the Channel Steel firm, which controls the iron and coal in the neighbourhood of Dover. About 1915 it acquired the ordinary shares of Sir B. Samuelson, from the blast furnaces of which Company the Britannia Steel Works were accustomed to draw large supplies of molten metal. In 1923 it bought, at the price of £2,000,000, the whole of the assets of the Carlton Iron Co., a concern chiefly engaged in the manufacture of ferromanganese and spiegel-eisen, with a large connection in Italy, France and the Rhine, and owning also the Mainsforth Colliery in the county of Durham.

In May 1923 the whole of these Companies were liquidated and their assets taken over by Dorman Long & Co., whose output is principally structural steel, in relation to which trade it has works in London, Melbourne and Sydney, and a half interest in the firm of Wade and Dorman in South Africa and in the British Structural Steel Co. in the Argentine. It has contracts on hand for great bridges at Sydney Harbour, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Khartoum, the Nile bridge at Dessouk and another on the Atbara in the Soudan. The Chairman of the Company is Sir A. J. Dorman, K.C.B., one of the founders. Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., is also on the Board, together with his eldest son, Colonel Maurice Bell.