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EDDYSTONE TO HAVE ANOTHER BIG PLANT – Sterlingworth Steel Cars to be Built Here – Many Hands to Have Work

It is very likely that a new industrial plant of large proportions may be located in Eddystone borough and that thriving section of the greater Chester will take another boom.

The property immediately this side of the Frankford Forge, owned by the Denis Estate, has been under consideration for some time as the site for a works for the building of steel cars, and the matter has progressed so far that the projectors of the plan have taken an option on the ground.

The tract runs from the P.W. & B. R.R. to the river, and crosses the Reading Railway's right of way, so that both railroads and the river steamers will be accessible. The location is a good one for an industry and will be advantageous in every way.

The company will be managed by officials connected with the Sterlingworth Brake Beam Company, which at present has works at Easton, Pa. This company has recently sold a portion of its business, so it is understood, to a combination, and it is its desire to locate its car building department in or near Chester.

The Sterlingworth cars are built of beams and plates of steel and differ from the Schoen pressed steel cars which have become familiar sights upon the great railroad lines. The cars built on this plan can be more readily repaired in case of accident, and it is also claimed for them that they will carry a greater load in proportion to their weight, while so great an expense is not necessary in fitting up a plant for their construction.

A number of prominent gentlemen, some of them interested largely in the great trunk line, have become interested in the new company, and it is very likely that the plan will be carried out. The works will employ from 300 to 350 hands as the business develops and will give work to a skilled class of steel workers.

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