

United States Steel Corporation.

71 Broadway, New York,

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Sept. 8, 1925.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Judge Gary directed me to send you the attached copies of the "Journal of Railway Appliances", dated March, 1891, and the "Iron Age", January, 1896.

Mr. Buffington draws attention to an article on page 30 of the latter, entitled "Early Iron Making in Chicago" by O. W. Potter, containing "one of the best and most interesting records of early steel making in Chicago, commencing with the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company, which in the year 1858 completed building a rolling mill located on the North Branch of the Chicago River, now known as our North Works. This plant manufactured principally iron rails from scrap, using what is known as the puddling process until the year 1872, when a Bessemer Steel plant was installed. In 1865 Bessemer Steel ingots made at the plant of Captain E. B. Ward at Wyandotte, Michigan, were sent to the North Chicago Rolling Mill and there rolled into steel rails, representing, as stated by Mr. Potter, 'the first steel rails rolled in America'".

Mr. Buffington also sent an old wood cut bill-head dated 186-, and a letter-head dated 1871, which will be shown to you upon your next visit to this office.

Very truly yours,

F. R. Sites
Secretary to Judge Gary.

Enclosures.

These should be returned to Chi. by us, when you are through using.