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FOREWORD

Argentina is one of the largest markets for iron and steel in various forms, and notwithstanding the presence of iron ore in the country it remains essentially dependent upon the producing countries of the world for most of its requirements. A large proportion of the imports is in raw or semifinished material, owing to the demand made by the extensive local fabrication of finished products.

The imports of iron and steel products for 1928 and 1929 amounted to over 1,000,000 tons each year, but for 1930, owing to the unfavorable business conditions, the receipts declined to 800,000 tons. The United Kingdom has been the principal source of the country's imports, with Germany, Belgium, France, and the United States following in the order given.

The iron and steel division of the bureau keeps in touch with developments in the iron and steel business and industry in all countries, and persons interested are invited to communicate with the bureau.

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