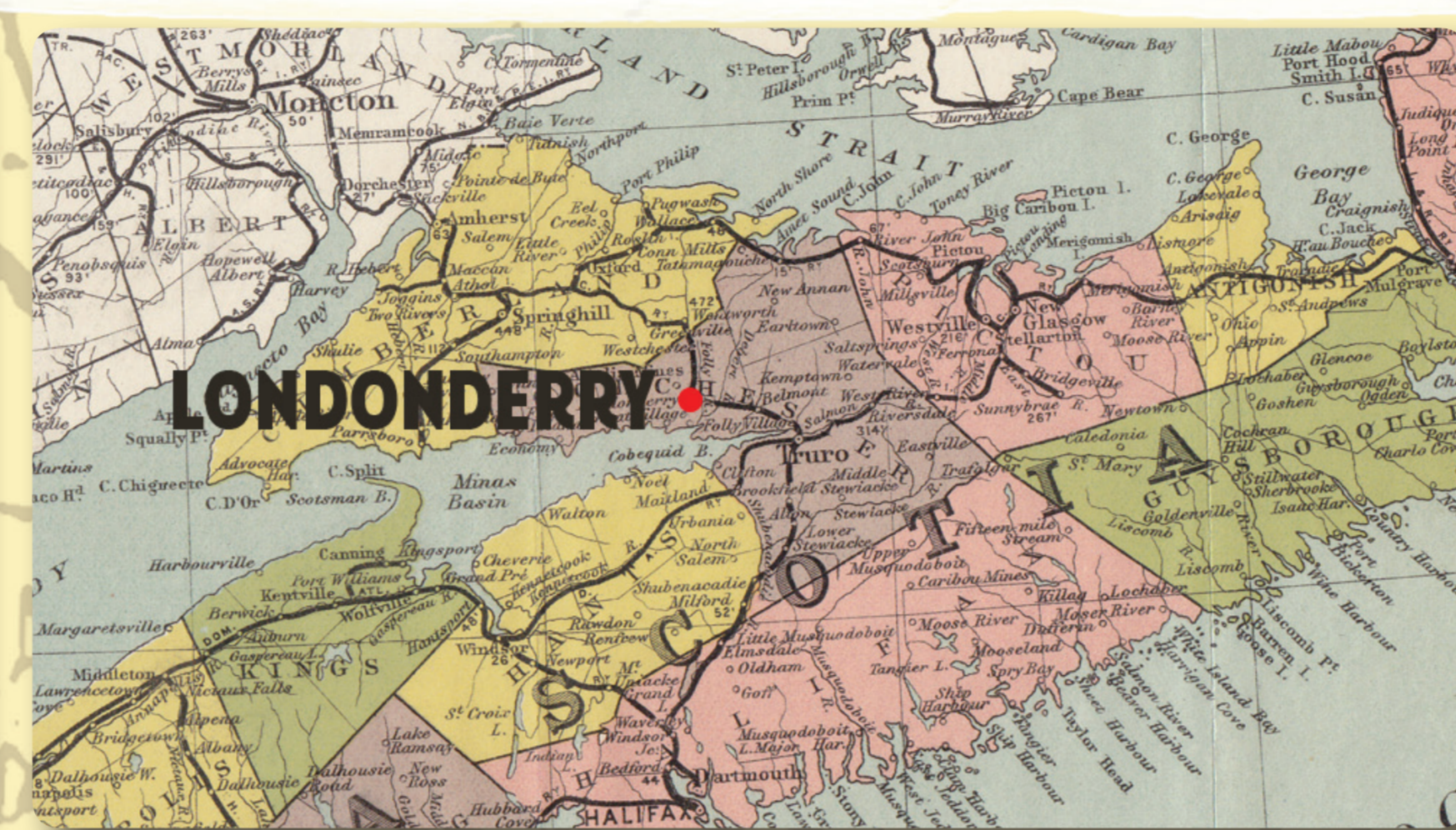# Canada
Londonderry, Nova Scotia

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Longitude: 63o 36'.08. 7'' W
Distance from Derry,
Londonderry, NI. 2497 miles

Londonderry is a dispersed rural community located in Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Canada, formerly called Acadia Mines. A bustling iron ore mining and steel making town of some 5,000 in the late 19th century, the population today stands at around 200.

Nova Scotia ("**New Scotland**", French: Nouvelle-Écosse; Scottish Gaelic: Alba Nuadh) is one of Canada's three Maritime provinces and is the most populous province of the four in Atlantic Canada, its provincial capital is Halifax.

The Township of **Londonderry**, including the **Port of Londonderry** (now present day Great Village), was first settled by two groups of **Scots Irish emigrants**. The first group came from the town of **Londonderry, New Hampshire in 1761** whilst a larger contingent who had arrived in Halifax in October 1761 on the **ship Hopewell out of Londonderry** in Ireland, settled a few years later once land grants were secured. Both arrangements made by former British army Captain Alexander McNutt, who was formerly stationed at nearby Fort Cumberland and was originally from Ireland.
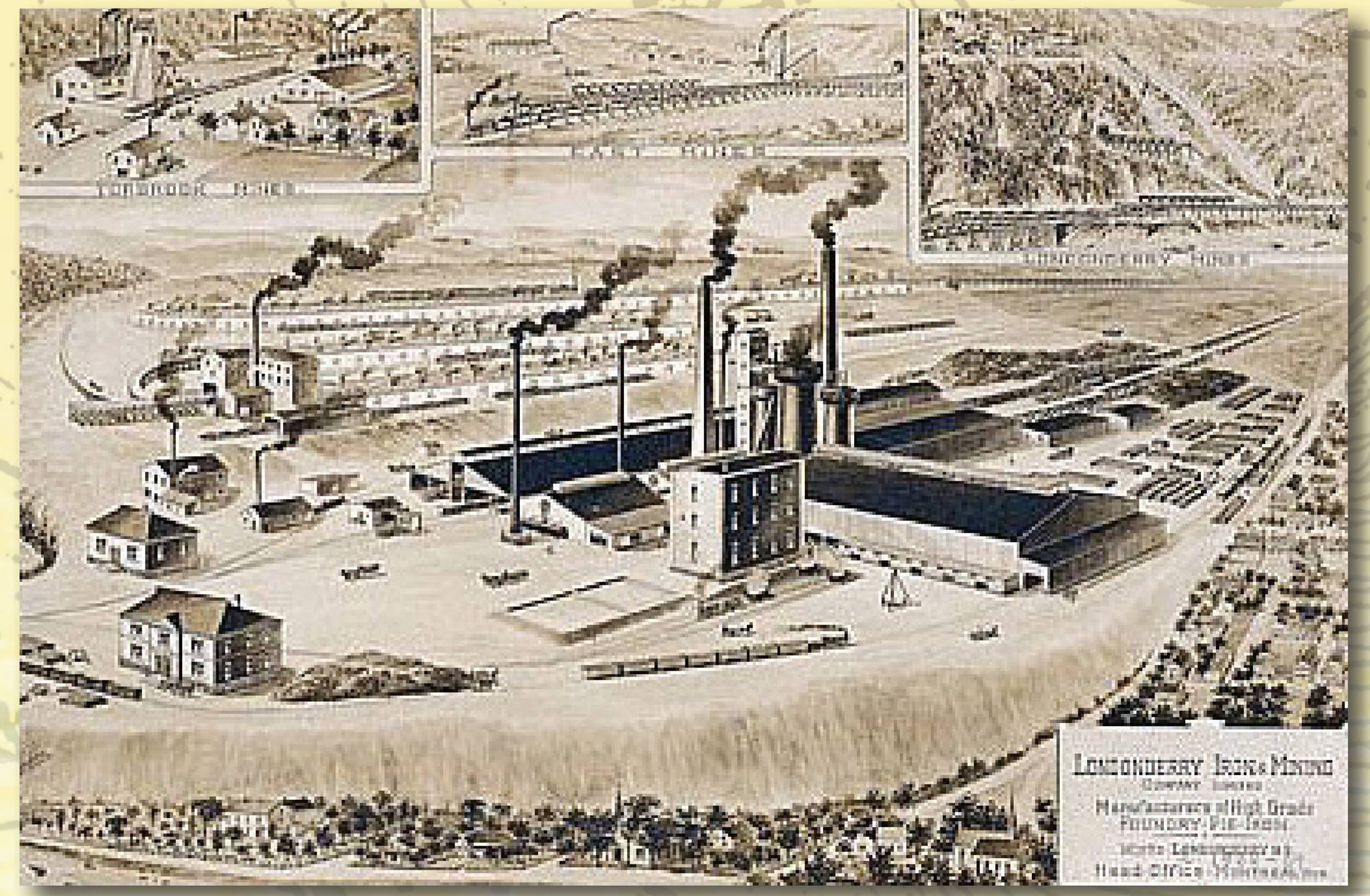
What makes it tick

Londonderry saw the pouring of the some of the first steel made in Canada, and the first Canadian installation of the **Bessemer process** for making steel. Mining for limonite (iron ore oxide)began in 1849 and eventually three mines - East Mines, Old Mountain Mine, and West Mines - were operated. Over 2 million tons of ore were produced. In 1852 the first charcoal blast furnace in Nova Scotia was constructed at Londonderry and in 1870 the first steel mill in Nova Scotia was constructed in Londonderry.

In 1908, the iron works closed for good; fire subsequently destroyed the town in 1920.

Did you know?

Senator David Warke, a native of Derry, N. Ireland in died in 1905 aged 101 years in Halifax, Nova Scotia. At the time he was the oldest legislator in the world. He was still working every day when he died suddenly. He had crossed the Atlantic in his early teens and first represented New Brunswick in the Canadian Senate.

Facts and figures Nova Scotia

Area:	55,284 sq km (21, 300 sq kms) incl some 3,800 coastal islands
Population:	921,727
Capital:	Halifax
Currency:	Canadian Dollar
Language:	English, French