

# Metal Lack Halts Meneely Plants

The historic Meneely bell foundries of Troy and Watervliet are suspending operations, the victims of the metal shortage, and both plants are for sale it was learned yesterday.

They include Meneely & Co., Inc., of Broadway, Watervliet, which dates back to 1826, and Meneely Bell Co., 22 River St., Troy, founded in 1869. Both are under separate management by distant cousins.

Because of the small amounts of copper and tin, principal bell ingredients, permitted under government allocations for non-defense work, both plants have had their production limited for more than a year.

**THE TROY PLANT,** Meneely Bell Co., has been taking on no new contracts for the past year, according to Clinton Meneely, vice president. He said at present the firm is doing only service and maintenance work outside the plant.

The Troy plant is located at 22 River St. and includes a foun-

dry and shop and large lot, 100 by 130 feet. The buildings have about 12,000 feet of floor space and are complete with equipment.

**THE WATERVLIET** plant, at 1537 Broadway, is headed by Alfred C. Meneely, who is reported to be the only carillon bell founder in the country. He made the famous Washington Memorial Carillon at Valley Forge.

Heer Realty, Troy brokers, list the Watervliet property as containing about 20,000 square feet of floor space in a three-story store and shop building and connected foundry. Equipment of the foundry has already been sold. This property also operated as a bronze foundry in addition to bell work.

Representatives of both plants pointed out that the present small allotment of metals would not allow them enough production to meet overhead. Thus they could not compete with European bell firms who are unrestricted.