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Mr. Sullivan states that a portion of the old machinery will be utilized and that some modern machinery will be installed for the purpose of manufacturing what is known as cast stone, similar to the product placed on the market by the Onondaga Litholite Company of Syracuse, and which has come into large demand for the building of hotels, theatres and other similar public buildings, owing to its superior quality in many ways and also lower cost of production.

Associated with Mr. Sullivan in the new enterprise will be the firm of Norcross Brothers of Cleveland, O., and also the stone interests of Kansas City, Mo., represented at the sale of the property on Thursday by George Miner, a mining engineer of Dallas, Texas. Pumps will be installed immediately for the purpose of unwatering the quarry in preparation to the starting of the work.

The property acquired is one of the most valuable marble deposits in the north country, engineering estimates placing the amount of available marble at 200,000,000 tons, which insures a definite supply of the finest stone for many years of operation on a large scale. Activities will be started at the plant as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

The Syracuse company has met with wonderful success in this field of industry which indicates the probability of the success of the local venture, owing to the steadily increasing demand for this class of stone. The various shades of marble available at the quarry makes the product from the same especially desirable for this class of building material.

The renewal of this field of industry will undoubtedly result in the return to Gouverneur of many former residents, who were employed in the local quarries in former years, and who have been forced to leave for other fields with the closing down of the industries in this village. A large number of local stone cutters are now engaged at the Onondaga Litholite Company's plant in Syracuse.

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