

## ST. LAWRENCE QUARRIES SOLD

Bid in For \$8,950 By J. J. Sullivan at  
Auction Sale Held  
Wednesday

The sale of the St. Lawrence Marble Company property on the west side was made on the premises Wednesday afternoon, with Rush, the auctioneer, of Syracuse, in charge of the sale. There was a large number of interested bidders present at the sale, which was finally made to John J. Sullivan of this village for the sum of \$8,950, for both the real and personal property. Harry C. Rogers was engaged as secretary of the proceedings.

The sale of the personal property in various lots and the real estate was at first made separately, the real estate bringing a bid of \$3,100, and the personal property \$3,014. Upon the completion of the individual bids, the entire property including both real and personal was made, commanding the final price of \$8,950 from Mr. Sullivan.

The bids on the property were as follows: Equipment of the blacksmith shop, J. J. Sullivan, \$30; quarried marble outside of buildings, Robert McCaull, Syracuse, \$1,000; urns in office, J. Walter McLean, Gouverneur, \$29; pickled tools in box (16) J. W. McLean, \$46; hand surfacer, J. J. Sullivan, \$4; contents of office, International Pulp Co., \$190; marble inside of building except one or two pieces marked J. W. McLean, \$440; contents of building, H. H. Hodgkin, Gouverneur, \$25; all metal and machinery indoors and outdoors except that already sold, Abe Cooper, Syracuse, \$1,250; all real estate, F. P. Costigan, Syracuse, \$3,100.

The sale of this property marks the passings of one of the oldest and one time largest industries. The mill was

built in 1884 by the St. Lawrence Marble Company, headed by T. J. Whitney and D. J. Whitney, who conducted it successfully for many years. In 1896 the property went into the hands of a receiver and after several years of idleness, the title was acquired by M. M. Belding, one of the largest creditors, who conducted it for about five years, until 1904, after which the property was conducted under the name of the St. Lawrence Marble Quarries, although the holding interest was still with Mr. Belding. A short time ago the property was amalgamated with the Belding Silk Company and was owned by the Belding-Heminway Company, with offices at 180 Madison Avenue, New York City. This company was represented at the sale on Wednesday by H. Miedendorp of Glenrock, N. J. There still remains 25 acres of land of the original holdings, together with a house and barn, which are owned by the M. M. Belding estate and which are still unsold.

Among those who were present and participated in the bidding from out of town were George C. Miner, C. E., of Dallas, Tex., representing western interest; W. B. Carpenter, jr., Kansas City, Mo.; Abe Cooper, Syracuse; Mr. Freyer of Syracuse, formerly of the Solvay Process Company, and now head of the Syracuse Art Society; T. M. Osborne, Rochester, representing the International Harvester Co.; Robert McCaull, Syracuse, representing the Onondaga Litholite Company; Frank Costigan, Syracuse, well known promoter and building contractor; Dean Williams and son of Redfield, Oswego County; John W. Stien, Waverly, N. Y.; R. W. Callahan, Erie, Pa.; J. W. Mylkes, Barre, Vt.

There seemed to be one drawback connected with the sale of the property to some of the interests as represented, in the matter of the local freight rates and shipping facilities now existing at the property. What disposition will be made of the property by Mr. Sullivan, the new owner, is not as yet definitely known.

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