

Keen interest is being manifested by many at present concerning the final outcome of the sale of the St. Lawrence marble property last week. Rumors have been ripe to the effect that the property was bid in for the Beldings, owners of the plant since it was established in 1854, but many are of the opinion that the sale was genuine and that the purchaser will make a move one way or another shortly. The dark blue quarries were not included in the sale as they are located at the rear of what was once the Lasenby farm of less than 30 acres which has been owned for about 30 years by the son of M. M. Belding. In the notice of sale was included a stipulation that the purchaser of the quarry property must within thirty days remove all machinery, buildings and derricks from the exempted farm and if this takes place the question will be settled in the minds of the doubters. Sixteen gangs of saws were installed when the mill was built but in later years two were removed to make room for other machinery and in consequence fourteen gangs were operated for many years. There is a large stone planer, pneumatic stone-cutting outfit including an air compressor, and a complete machine shop all of which is no doubt in working condition.

The sawing machinery is of little use at present but could be put in condition. The mill is 86 x 221 feet in size and has a new roof covering which was put on about a year ago. There is a good amount of quarry machinery which could be put in condition. Much of the land included in the sale, could be made productive by proper handling for two or three years. It is hoped by all that some use will be made of the big plant in the near future.

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