

## THE ST. LAW. MARBLE CO.

AUSTIN STEVENS, THE RECEIVER,  
INTERVIEWED.

**The Quarries Will Not Start at Present, Probably Not Until Spring—The Outlook Not Encouraging But Eventually Must Improve—Mr. Stevens' Probable Policy.**

The St. Lawrence Marble Company will not start next Monday, as has been announced, nor will it for some weeks at least. This announcement will come with crushing force to the many Gouverneurians who have been in the employ of the company and to those dependent upon them, but we know of no reason why the truth regarding the situation should not be known. Mr. Austin Stevens, the recently appointed receiver of the company, has arrived in town and looked the situation over very carefully. He was interviewed by the TRIBUNE representative this morning.

Mr. Stevens was found in his room, No. 95, at the St. Lawrence Inn, where he is stopping. He received the newspaper man very cordially and with but little questioning gave out the following for publication:

The announcement recently made that the mill and quarries would start Monday next, was unofficial. There were not enough orders on hand to warrant such starting. There would be, of course, a considerable expense necessary in starting such a large plant after it had once become idle, and should the mill be started for the filling of the present orders it would also be necessary to start up the quarries as well, as there were not a sufficient number of blocks on hand to fill even the present orders. The

quarries are at present well filled with snow, water and ice, and it would be a laborious matter to prepare them for running. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the company. For about six years he participated, actively, in its management. Since that time the management had devolved upon the Chicago members, and the present condition of the company spoke for itself.

Mr. Stevens further said that eventually the plant would be run, although just when he could not tell. It would probably be several weeks, the date of starting not being before spring. Many of the workmen had spoken to him regarding this; a number of them he knew, and in all he felt an interest. Such as had applied to him had been told that they had better look elsewhere for work, not waiting here longer for the company to start. They could leave their families here and when the plant was again started they could return. The former workmen would be the ones employed, so far as was possible, when the time of starting did arrive.

It might be that an amicable settlement of the existing difficulties could be brought about, or perhaps foreclosure proceedings would be necessary, but eventually all would be well and good.

He doubted whether he would be able, with the power at present vested in him as receiver, to go ahead and run the plant, except for the filling of orders, or where the fact that the plant was idle would entail serious loss to the stockholders. But in case enough orders should come in, he would go to the city and obtain the necessary authority from the courts.

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