

AN Anglo-American company has been organized in Egypt to build an electric road from Cairo to the Pyramids.

A DISCOVERY of yellow cedar was made some time ago in the northern part of British Columbia. This wood takes on a beautiful polish, and is particularly suitable for cabinet work. Fifteen thousand acres of these trees were acquired by a Vancouver company who have sold out to an English syndicate for \$40,000 cash and \$250,000 stock in the new company. It is estimated that there are over 100,000,000 feet of this lumber available for commercial purposes, and it is valued at \$80 a thousand.

THE performances of the Ronald engine at the recent test made in Toronto were most creditable, and considering that the conditions were against the Canadian engine and in favor of the Merryweather, the makers of which made special efforts in this case, we think the Toronto City Council should have bought the Canadian engine. Mr Ronald has not had generous—perhaps not even fair—treatment in this instance, but the work of his engine will bring him credit in other quarters if it does not effect a sale of his engine in Toronto.

THE amendments to the Ontario Factory Act passed at the last session provide that where two or more persons occupy the same room or premises, and employ in the aggregate six or more persons, each of the employers shall be responsible for the proper sanitation of the place. This is to provide for those cases where several work-rooms are situated in the same building, and where each one shifts the responsibility on the other. Another clause prohibits the employment of children under fourteen years in any

factory except a canning or desiccated fruit factory. Another clause is designed to provide for more secure guarding of dangerous parts of machinery, flumes, doors, bridges, etc., but leaves a large discretion in the hands of the factory inspector. In regard to fire escapes, a rope is ordered for every window in any factory having more than a ground floor flat. When an explosion occurs the inspector must be notified of the same within twenty-four hours under a penalty of \$30. The new Act authorizes the appointment of a female inspector of factories.

CAPT. J. MURRAY, the well-known contractor and vessel owner, died suddenly at his home in St. Catharines on August 27th. Deceased was president of the Castleman Lumber Co., and vice-president of the North-West Central Railway. He did work on the Welland Canal and other public works.

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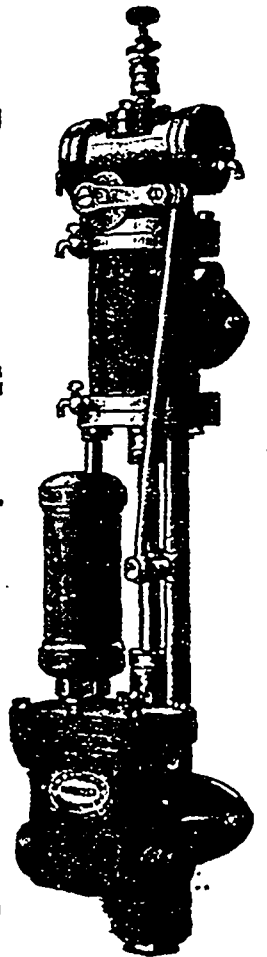
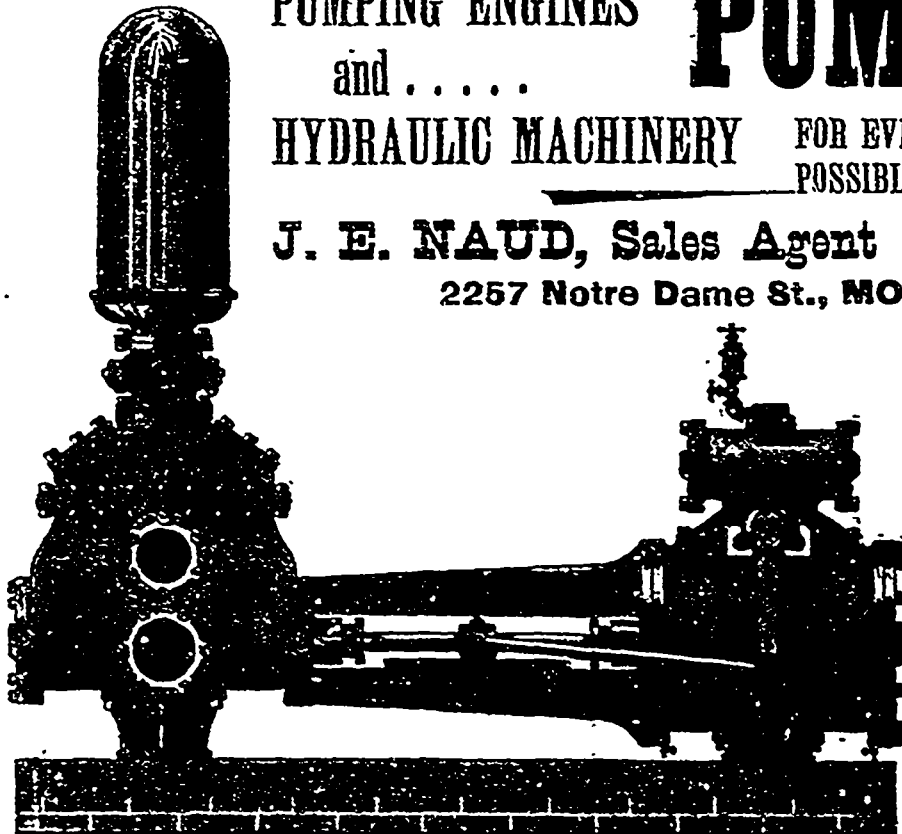
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