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A plan, showing the position and section of the proposed channel and specifications of the work to be done, can be seen at this office, and at the office of the resident Engineer, at Ste. Anne, on and after FRIDAY, the 8th instant, where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and, further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$1,000 must accompany the tender, which shall be forfeited, if the party tendering declines to enter into contract at the rates stated, in the offer submitted.

The cheque or money thus sent in will be returned to the respective persons whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

Dept. of Railways & Canals,
Ottawa, Sept. 5, 1892.

—Says the London Telegraph: While one of the Bosnian delegates who waited on the Emperor Franz Josef at the Hofburg a few weeks ago was staying in Vienna, the owner of the hotel in which he lodged became a bankrupt. Hearing of his host's mishap, the worthy Bey sought an explanation of the term "bankruptcy," and having thoroughly mastered its meaning, proceeded on his return to his native village, to impart his information to his near relatives and close family connections. "This, O my brothers," he observed "is the true and proper way to become a bankrupt. First you must hire a shop, then you write to rich merchants in far-distant cities, inviting them to forward their wares to you for sale and pledging yourself to pay for them within a few months. As soon as you shall have received sufficient merchandise you must sell it for cash or hide it carefully away. Then must you go to the judge and say to him, 'Beloved of Allah! I am a bankrupt. Here are five pounds: They are all I have in the world: the judge will keep four of the five pounds and proclaim your bankruptcy; the other pound will be divided among those who supplied you with goods. Latter on you will remove to another town and begin this good and easy business over again. Thus may the passing bitterness of insolvency be converted into the abiding sweetness of a comfortable independence. Be chesm! Upon my head be it!'"

—The number of pieces of timber that came down the Moira river to Belleville this spring was 515,375, as compared with 326,033 the year previous. The saw logs alone this year numbered 434,206. There is some delay in getting logs down the Severn, but they will eventually be got down. The Maganetawan drive was finished some weeks ago. The timber going down to the Georgian Bay has not reached there yet, consequently the mills have scarcely been able to get logs to keep them running during the day. Already some gangs of men have been sent to the woods to get ready for next winter's operations. The Quebec timber market still continues to show no great firmness or buoyancy, though two or three large sales have recently taken place of choice white pine raft averaging 58 to 59 feet at 33 cents; of red pine at 22 cents; and another good raft of white pine, 54 feet average, at 28½ cents; some first-class white pine has been sold at 40 cents, and good fair average at 34 cents in shipping order. Good Ohio oak has been placed at 50 cents.

—Our readers will remember the terrible failure of the Sprague Manufacturing Company, and all the evils that grew out of it. After long delays of years the assets were sold by auction, and among them is the well-known villa of William Sprague, at Canonchet, was knocked down to F. D. Moulton, the celebrated "mutual friend" of the Beecher family. Says the Philadelphia Record, when Mr. Moulton went to take possession of the place he found ex-Governor Sprague and his son Willie prowling about the grounds armed with breech loading rifles and threatening extermination to any intruders who might venture upon the property without the permission of the occupant. Other armed men were seen encamped about, and all the indications pointed to a determined resistance to the law's decree. Mr. Moulton appealed to the trustee, Mr. Chaffee, to give him possession of his property, and Mr. Chaffee also reconnoitred the outworks of Castle Sprague; but as there was a good deal of random firing, and as young Willie Sprague announced his intention of defending Canonchet with Gatling guns, breechloaders and mitrailleuses, Mr. Chaffee did not make a charge.

This serio-comic ending of William Sprague's career in a foolish effort to defy the law recalls what he was twenty years ago. The possessor of enormous wealth, unlimited political influence, the highest rank in his State and a heritage of a seat in the United States Senate, nothing seemed wanting to gratify the highest ambition. It is a caustic commentary on the fickleness of public favor that for nearly ten years he has been absolutely forgotten except for the scandals and legal proceedings that have hung around him, and to-day there is none so poor as to do him reverence. The very Courts have been used to despoil him, and against the political and social clique that has plotted the partition of his estate for its own enrichment he can interpose nothing but the foolish resistance of a madman. In spite of the fact that William Sprague has deserved nothing good at the hands of fate, the manner in which his ruin has been consummated is not creditable to the reputation of Rhode Island for the administration of justice.

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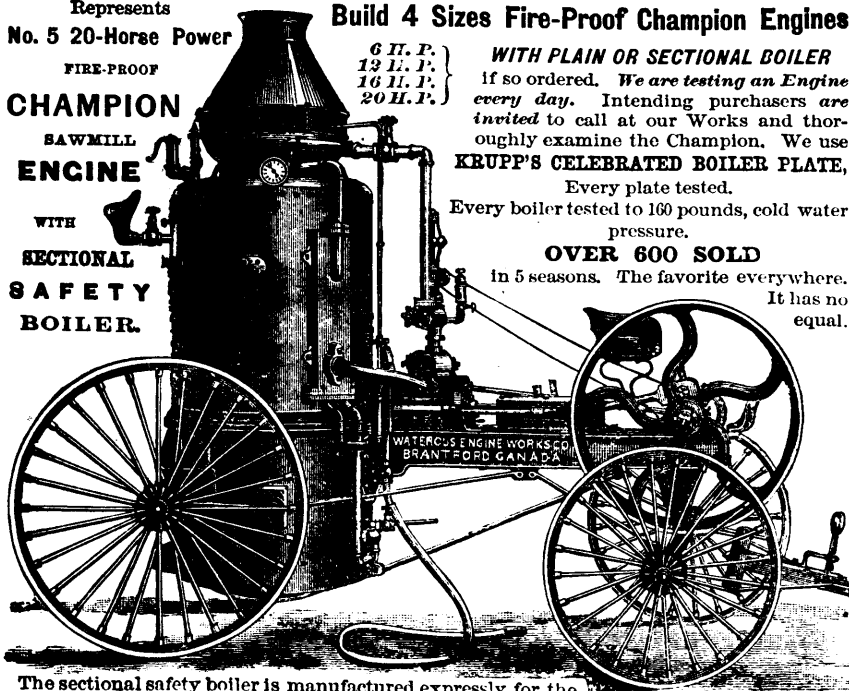
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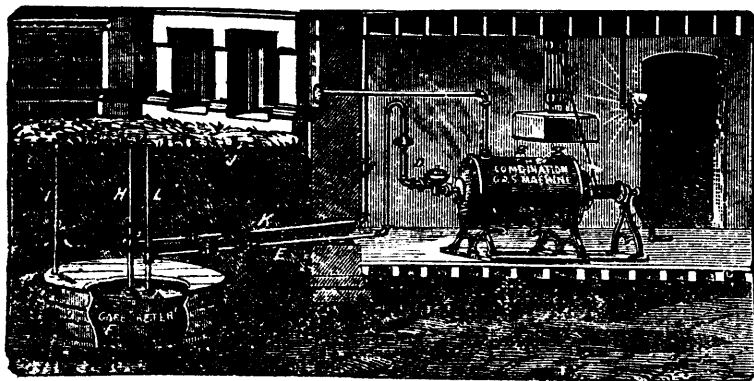
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