

**Peculiar Litigation.**

A somewhat novel suit, involving the sum of \$60,000, has just been brought in the Superior Court at Hull, against the town of Mason, Que. The plaintiffs are the Lemez Shoe Company, and their counsel are Messrs. Hickson & Campbell, of Montreal. The company located in the village of Masson upon the promise of the municipality to pay it a \$30,000 bonus. A factory which cost \$25,000 was installed, equipped and

operations started. Shoes, boots and leather goods were manufactured, and all went well until the so-called financial stringency became prevalent. Then the company called upon the town to pay the \$30,000 bonus, and when the money was not forthcoming the factory was forced to suspend operations. The building was unoccupied, and no watchman was left to guard the place.

In a few weeks the factory was burned, with all its contents, the fire

originating from an unknown cause.

The company holds that had the money been paid to it by the municipality the factory would not have shut down, and would not have been left unguarded.

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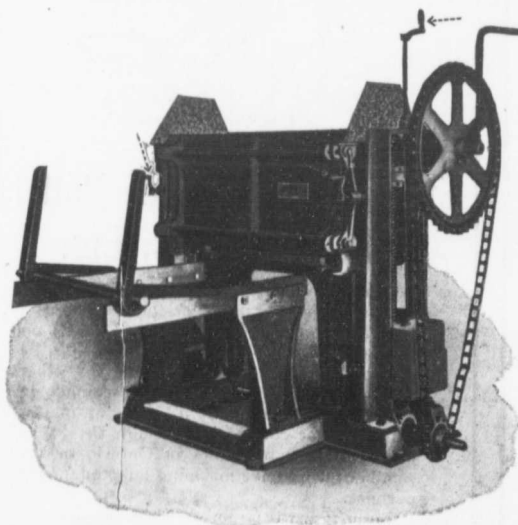
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