

the cutting of the dams. Some of these gave a great deal of trouble, being put together with great care and fastened with stumps to a great depth, while in the dam construction during the last few years, the stumps being attached to only some feet or less below the surface.

To facilitate the operation, powerful steam cranes were erected upon barges (see

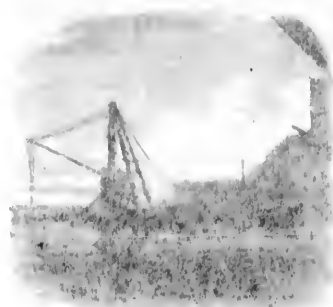


Plate No. 17), strengthened and prepared with standing poles. The whole of the steers were removed from the inside of the cranes by heavy nippers and hooks made for the purpose, but sometimes divers had to be employed. When the steers were removed, the dam was only a few feet high, and the water was very shallow.

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