

THE STAVE INDUSTRY IN CANADA.

THE United States Consul at Chatham, Ont., commenting on the early extinction of the stave industry in Canada, says :

The only elm fit for cooperage stock found in British North America lies in the counties of Kent, Essex and Lampton, and of the original forest only 150,000,000 feet of stumpage remain. It has been depleted not only by the demands of the Sutherland, Innes Co., with its seventeen mills, but by smaller manufacturers, and millions of feet are yearly rafted to the United States. The rock elm found elsewhere in Canada will not do for staves, and with the exhaustion of the 150,000,000 feet above referred to, operations here must entirely cease. It is estimated by the company mentioned above that their mills will

be idle in three years, and 1900 will see the elm stave manufactured only in the United States. They claim, furthermore, that the end of the use of elm for staves is in sight and cannot possibly be deferred for more than a quarter of a century. The bulk of this timber left suitable for staves lies in Michigan and Indiana, and that gone, they expect to see the cottonwood used for headings and the gum and red oak for staves, unless some other form of barrel or package first comes into use.

made a mistake. I am of no use to body. I have failed for half a million, with assets.

"So I heard."
"You know it, and yet you say I can be service to you?"

"Yes, sir, I beg you will not refuse."
"But what can a miserable bankrupt do for anyone?"

"I want you to tell me, sir, how you get much credit?"—Timber Trades Journal.

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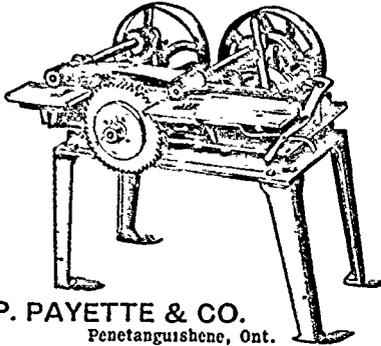
STRANGER Beg pardon, sir, but you have the power to do me a great favor, and one that I will repay.

Bankrupt (sadly) I! I am afraid you have

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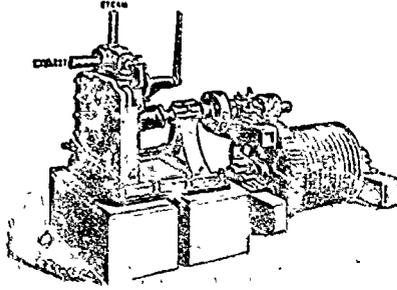


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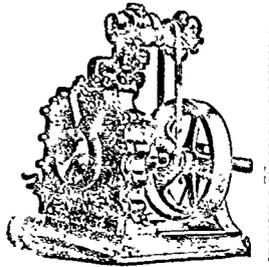
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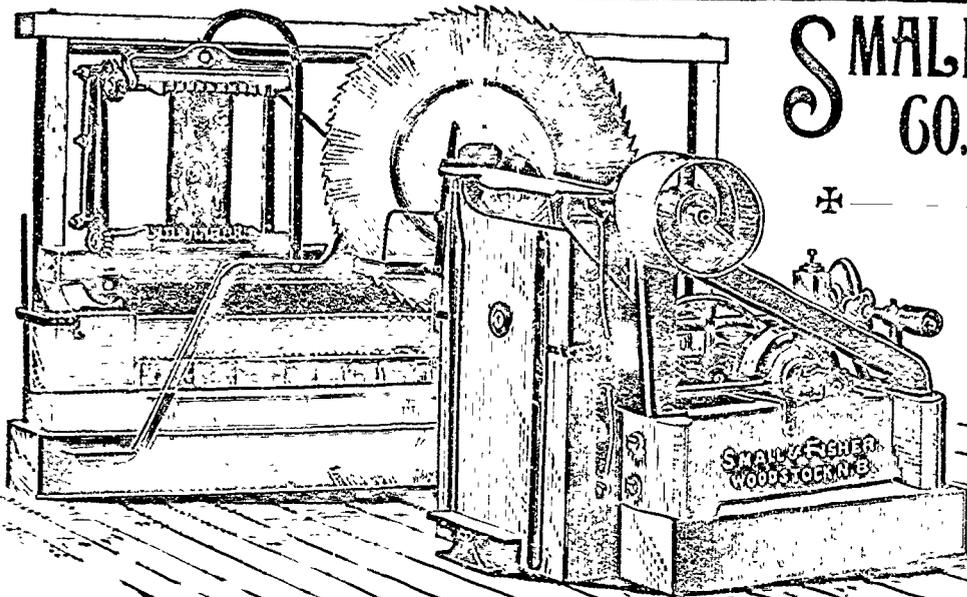
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