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VERMONT QUARRIES CORPORATION
(photo caption) “Summit of ledge showing where first operations were commenced.”
VERMONT QUARRIES CORPORATION

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CHARACTER OF PROPERTY

The granite lies in sheets varying from two to thirty odd feet in thickness, with the bed seams dipping toward the railroad track. There are, here and there, vertical joints in the sheets extending into the hill, — these joints obviating the necessity of channeling. The loosened blocks can easily be worked down on the inclined beds to the cars.

From the view-point of cheap and practical quarrying, these natural advantages cannot be surpassed.

FACES

The properties of the Corporation are practically a mountain of fine granite and are so situated that faces of any extent may be opened. Extensive quarrying requires large working faces. It is not possible to conceive of operations so large as to be blocked for want of working faces in this quarry.
GROUT

The disposition of grout is an important item in all quarries. To get rid of it without expense insures a profit. Here the ground pitches precipitately from the railroad track, making a dumping ground always available at the least possible expense. Much of this waste becomes marketable for paving blocks and other uses.

TOPOGRAPHY

A fact extremely important from the point of view of economical quarrying is that one-third of the total area of this tract rises in exposed ledges to an elevation of two hundred feet above the level of the railroad. It is estimated by experts that there are upwards of fifty million cubic feet of fine granite in these “exposed” ledges. In this section granite deposits are considered to be of unlimited depth, so that it is impossible to conceive, let alone estimate, the magnitude of these properties in cubic feet. The point is, however, that for years to come there will be no lifting of granite from low levels, the amount available above the level of the railroad being so extremely large.

WOODBURY GRANITE

The character and reputation of Woodbury granite for building purposes is now fully established throughout the United States. Experts consider it superior to all other granite. No better stone can be shown anywhere in buildings than the Woodbury granite in the Pennsylvania State Capitol at Harrisburg, and the City Hall and Cook County Court House in Chicago. Woodbury granite has been used in numerous large office buildings, United States Post Offices, bank buildings, etc., and everywhere with entire satisfaction and pleasing effect. Woodbury granite has entered into the construction of twenty-four office buildings, fourteen United States Post Offices, eighteen banks, two hospitals, three City Halls, one State Capitol, and one
Illustration showing clearing just above spur track.
Exchange, and upwards of a score of smaller buildings. The romance of granite in Vermont yet remains to be written. It may be written in Vermont Quarries Corporation granite, the “lighter” grade of which somewhat resembles the well-known Woodbury granite but is of a much finer texture and is suitable for all forms of building work.

QUALITY

Vermont Quarries Corporation stone consists of two grades—“Fine Dark” and “Light”—differing principally in fineness of texture rather than in composition, and each grade is of a very high quality suitable for fine monumental work and for all kinds of building purposes. The lighter grade is especially adapted to the best building work and the bases of monuments, while the finer and darker grade is ideal for the polished and fine carved work of monuments and statuary. Both grades are almost identical in appearance with the best gray granite of Barre, Vt. (twenty miles distant) and from which a very large proportion of the monuments set up in the United States are made; but the “Fine Dark” stock from the Vermont Quarries Corporation is somewhat finer-grained, and is therefore susceptible of a higher grade of workmanship in carving and for statuary. Both grades of this granite have the reputation of being “fast-cutting” stone. The polished surfaces are dark, making a sharp contrast between the lettering and the polished surface.

There is no vegetable or other foreign substance in this granite to cause stain, and hundreds of monuments, some of them fine and costly, have been manufactured from this stone, set up and exposed to the elements, for more than eight years without cleaning, and still look about the same as new.

[For detailed description of this granite, reference may be had to the report of Prof. George H. Perkins, State Geologist of Vermont, Oct. 4, 1910. Also to Bulletin 404, United States Geological Survey, 1909, by F. Nelson Dale.]
Illustration showing fine, light granite near the surface.

*(photo caption)* “Illustration showing fine, light granite near the surface.”
MARKETS

The demand for fine grade dark granite, such as is produced at Barre and by the Vermont Quarries Corporation has more than kept pace with the increase in wealth and population, and to-day the supply of this fine granite is not adequate to the demand. This is evidenced by the high price obtained for "Barre Dark," $1.35 per cubic foot in the rough.

The market for the products of this Corporation is as wide as the country itself. Barre and Woodbury granite is shipped to nearly every state in the Union. Chicago and the Middle West are now taking Barre and Woodbury granite in preference to any other. Dealers are placing orders for carload lots long in advance of any possible delivery and oftentimes waiting long periods in order to satisfy the demand of their customers for "Barre Dark" and "Barre Light."

In opening up the present quarries the old company had little stone to spare for outside markets, the local trade taking the bulk of their product. Hardwick is a large granite manufacturing center and nearly all of approximately 500 carloads of stone that has been produced from these quarries has been made into monuments at Hardwick, these orders having come without expense of solicitation.

PRICES

The present price of the best "Dark" Barre stock is about $1.35 per cubic foot in the rough and 80 cents for "Light," with a tendency to advance a little each year as the quarries become deeper and the consequent expense of quarrying increases.

When the quarries of the Corporation are fully developed, as they soon will be, there seems to be no reason why, with all the natural advantages, granite blocks cannot be placed on cars ready for shipment, at
A train load of granite leaving the quarries for destination.
an average of about thirty cents per cubic foot—thus assuring an extra large margin between producing cost and selling price.

TRANSPORTATION

The Hardwick & Woodbury Railroad passes through the southerly portion of the tract, and leading from this is a branch line running northerly and entirely across the property. The main line and branch reach a large portion of high-grade granite, and with the addition of short spurs to the higher levels, as the business develops, derricks can be so located as to reach the whole of the quarrying area and the output swung onto Standard gauge cars ready for shipment to any part of the United States. This combination of an unlimited supply of high-grade granite, with exceptional shipping facilities, cannot be found available in any other part of the United States; hence the Vermont Quarries Corporation has a distinct asset of great value. The location and shipping facilities are ideal, providing the maximum of efficiency at the minimum of cost.
State of Vermont
Office of State Geologist

Burlington, Vt., October 4, 1910.

To the Vermont Quarries Corporation,
Gentlemen:

On the 30th of September I visited the property of your Company and examined the granite deposits found upon it.

I found the property to consist of a tract 105 rods square located on the northwest side of Robinson mountain in Woodbury, four miles from Hardwick and about 500 feet above that village.

In company with Mr. A. B. Thomas, who pointed out the boundaries of the property, I went over it and saw substantially the entire tract. I found an unlimited supply of granite of two quite different kinds. That on the southermost part of the slope is light, of medium fineness, good color, lying in splendid sheets and extending far up the mountain side. The showing here is unusually fine in every respect.

On the north portion of the property the granite is of quite another color, being dark and very fine. Though dark, it is brilliant and very handsome. It is hard, easily carved or cut, splits readily and evenly in the quarry and is altogether a very fine monumental stone. Like the lighter granite adjoining, it lies in fine sheets. It is very uniform in shade and extends much beyond the present limits of the quarry. This was shown by an investigation of the surface of the mountain above the quarry. Wherever holes or ditches had been dug so that the surface covering was removed, the same stone was found.

The special advantages noted in this place were as follows: The granite is located on a hillside so that it can be quarried to any extent without going down, but it may be followed into the hillside. The stone lies in fine sheets and can be economically removed in pieces of any needed size.

The color in each bed, the light and the dark, is entirely uniform. In both quarries the stone is exceedingly sound.

In each case the present quarry can easily be greatly enlarged and along the front of each runs a branch of the Hardwick and Woodbury R. R. so that stone can be loaded directly from the quarries on the cars. In front of the quarries the hillside slopes rapidly so that any amount of grout can be disposed of by simply throwing it off the cars near the quarry.

In the dark granite there is a very marked contrast between the polished and the hammered surface so that lettering or any design may be made very distinct in all lights. This dark granite is one of the best monumental stones I have seen.

It may also be noted that the quarries have been sufficiently worked to show very satisfactorily the character of the deposits.

In view of the above considerations I consider this granite property one of the very best.

G. H. Perkins, State Geologist.
Conclusion

GRANITE is now recognized as a standard material for memorials and for the best grade of buildings. There is, and can be, no substitute for it.

Deposits of fine grade granite suitable for good monumental work and building purposes are not found in this country, outside of New England, and are limited to small areas, and few in number, even in this territory. There are none of the basic industries of the United States that have shown, in recent years, a more rapid growth, or that offer a more promising and profitable future than that of granite quarrying and manufacturing. Hence, we believe this property has a great future as a safe, profitable and enduring investment.

Mr. Samuel N. Davis, of Peabody, Mass., formerly President of the Peabody Granite Company, and a practical quarryman with twenty-five years' experience, recognized as an authority in the trade, is a director in the Corporation and the general manager.

In order to prevent the substitution of inferior stone for the product of these quarries, provision has been made to have a seal of the Corporation—as a trade mark—placed upon each block of stone before shipment.

The following was written by a clear-sighted business man of sound judgment and ripe experience in industrial affairs, after a careful examination of all the conditions surrounding this property: “In this era of great competition in many industrial lines, high cost of production and falling earnings, when all the resources of capital, art and science are being vigorously employed to lower the cost of production and operation and improve the means of transportation, it is particularly gratifying to find an industrial proposition of such merit and with such a promising future.”
Map of Vermont Quarries Corporation Woodbury granite quarries located near Hardwick Station.
Shaded portions indicate Granite Ledges mainly exposed, but in some places partially covered with thin coating of earth. Unshaded portions indicate flat land suitable for cutting plant of any desired magnitude with never failing stream of water from Buck Lake.
Vermont Quarries Corporation
ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE

Capital Stock, $600,000

**Par Value, $10 Per Share**, full paid and non-assessable.

First Mortgage Six Per Cent Twenty-Year Gold Bonds
Authorized . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $200,000

Dividends payable semi-annually, July First and January First, at City Trust Company, Trustee, Burlington, Vt.

Redeemable at the option of the Corporation on any dividend date, after July 1, 1917, at par and accrued interest.

The amount of Bonds to be issued at present is limited to $100,000.

The proceeds of the sale of the bonds now offered are to be used for the purchase of equipment, the construction of spur tracks and for working capital.

In view of the favorable market conditions, it is important that the quarries of the Corporation be cleared as early as possible for operations on a large scale and additional equipment placed in position, together with spur tracks, to efficiently handle the output.