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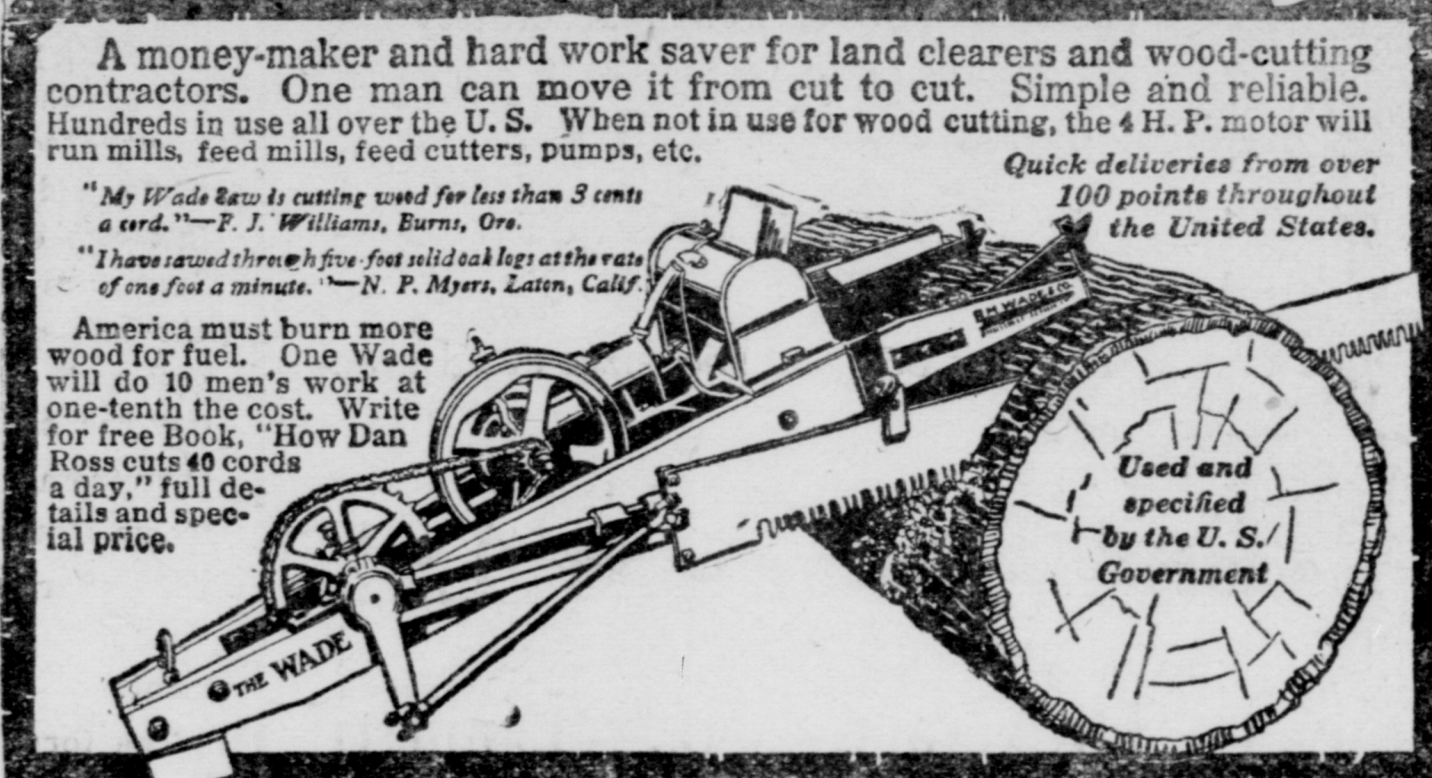
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Quebec is beautiful both in winter and summer, but possibly its charm is greatest when King Winter has spread his ermine over the historic heights and the Citadel and when the great ice fleets flow and ebb each day in the majestic St. Lawrence.

The old city has real winter weather, with dry, hard snow. On Saturdays and Sundays particularly thousands of its citizens don their skis or snowshoes and take long trips through the picturesque country or through the great toboggan slide on Dufferin Terrace. Here they enjoy the wild rush from the top of the slide, near the king's bastion of the famous old fort which Montgomery and Arnold vainly endeavored to capture away back in 1775.

Although the Norwegian ski has become very popular in Canada during the last few years, the snowshoe still numbers its devotees by thousands. The American Indian is generally credited with having devised the snowshoe; the early French Canadians were not slow in adopting it as a means of crossing wide stretches of deer snow, and their numerous descendants in Quebec are experts in its use to-day.

One of the most flourishing organizations in Quebec devoted to winter sports is the Canadian Racquettes, which was a conspicuous feature of the great parade through the city on February 14, when two thousand snowshoers were in line, and of the church parade February 15.

The sport loving people of Quebec, like those of other cities, have their work to do each day, and such big snowshoe parades as that of February 14 are staged at night. On this occasion an army of snowshoers formed in line at the drill hall and, dressed in their picturesque costumes, paraded through the principal streets.

One of the favorite resorts is the Dufferin Terrace toboggan slide. The big slide is a beautiful spectacle at night, when it is thronged with picturesquely costumed tobogganists of both sexes and when the brilliant lights are reflected from snow and ice. The total length of the slide from high up on the shoulder of the Citadel to the snow embankment terminus near the Chateau is a quarter of a mile. There are three tracks, between which are partitions of ice six inches high, so that no matter if the tobogganist does the quarter of a mile in twenty seconds there is no danger of collision or of being thrown out of the particular groove in which he is sliding. Every day eighteen barrels of water are sprinkled upon the tracks, so that each one is a glare of ice, and very swift. The toboggans line up three abreast at the top of the slide, where they are held by steel triggers. When all are ready the triggers are released, and down the steep descent the three toboggans rush at forty miles an hour. Because of its hilly character Quebec is an ideal place for ski running and jumping. The glaciers of the old Citadel are high and steep, and on Saturday afternoons and Sundays is a favorite rendezvous for lovers of this thrilling sport. The pretty, red-cheeked French-Canadian girls are clever and daring skiers. Four of them abreast, holding hands and looking like colored paper dolls against the white snow, glide down the long slope of the glacier at high speed without mishap. Now and then they get tangled up at the bottom of the slope and tumble in a heap, but this only adds to the fun. The only really difficult thing about skiing is getting up after a spill into the deep snow, for skis are very long and unwieldy, and in the language of the old song

When you're up, you're up,
And when you're down, you're down.
But when you're only half-way up
You're neither up nor down!

Enviied by all the other enthusiasts are the ski jumpers, who make long and hazardous flights through the air from some high take-off and even loop the loop on some slide particularly fitted for this thrilling performance.

Canadian Tobacco.

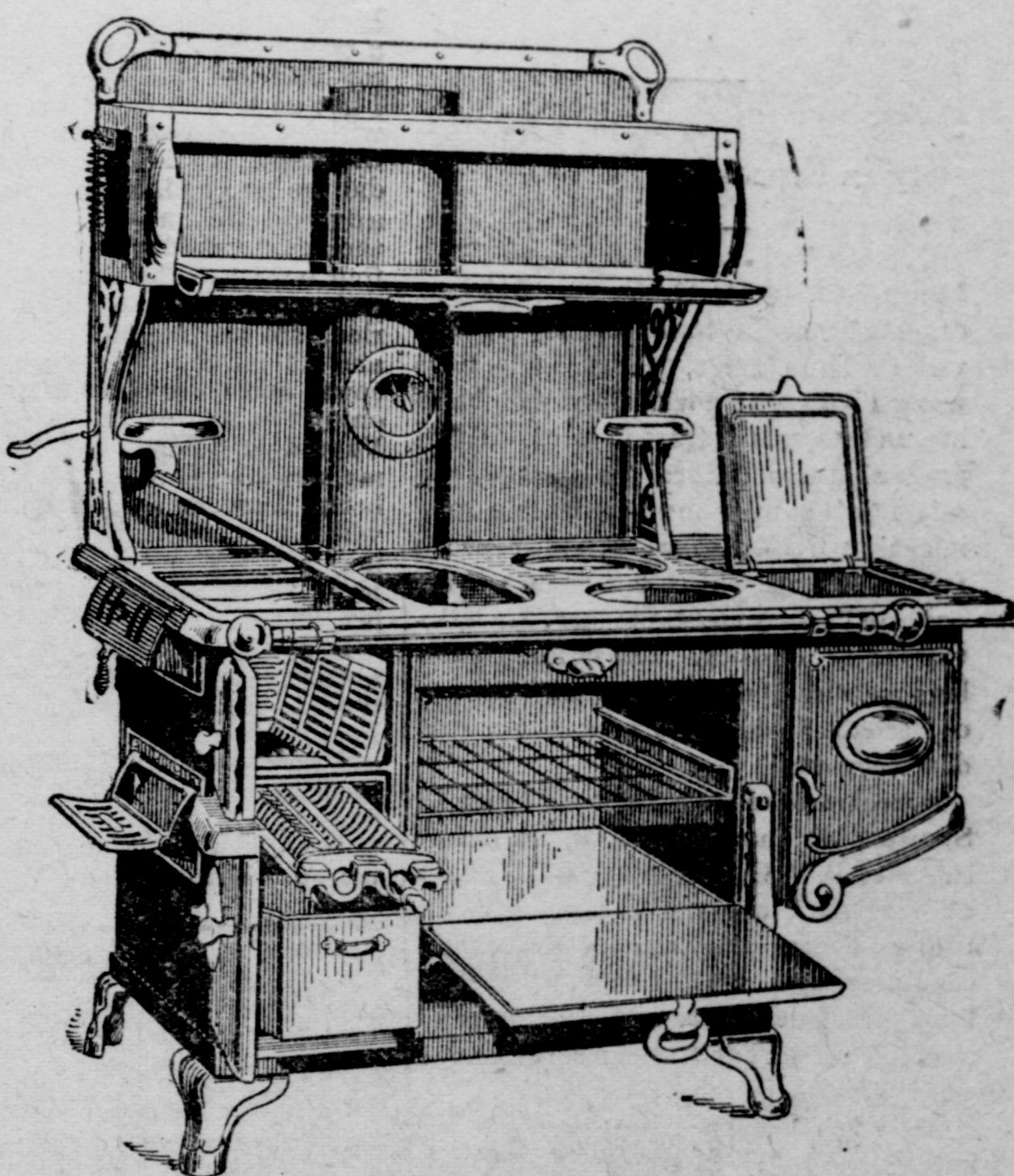
In order to investigate the possibilities of overseas tobacco markets, Mr. F. Charlan, chief of the tobacco division, is being sent to England and France by the Department of Agriculture, to interview tobacco manufacturers there. His object is to find out exactly what quality of tobacco would be most suitable to British and French requirements, and what quantities could be absorbed by those countries. This information will be expected to be of great value to Canadian tobacco growers in determining the acreage and character of their crop this year.

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