

of an option of purchase whenever it would become practicable for us to meet the necessary expense attending removal. At a later date I entered into a contract with Frederick Braun for the removal of the principal part of the exposure, having a length of 33 feet and a width of 10 feet. The undertaking was an extraordinarily arduous one, rendered the more difficult by the checking of the sandstone along parallel or converging joint faces which made it necessary to set each block in place in plaster of paris as it was removed. The work of removal required two months and on its completion the exposed slab had been taken out in six sections, the whole weighing 23 tons.

We have in this remarkable specimen an unexampled and impressive exhibit. Facilities for the display of such specimens simply do not exist in the present constitution of our museum but we can not on that account let slip opportunities which may not return, for acquiring such specimens. Storage has been found for these slabs with the Flint Granite Co. at the Cemetery station.

**Lease of the Spring House lot.** In order to secure for the museum a more extensive series of the rare crustaceans from the base of the Salina group, described by Clifton J. Sarle and myself in previous reports and to facilitate our own further studies of this fauna, I have negotiated a lease of the property adjoining the Erie canal at Pittsford for the purpose of excavating these remarkable fossils. We purpose to break ground at this place with the opening of the next field season.

**Proposed salt mine at Wyoming.** During the past year it was proposed by the Silver Springs Salt Co. to put down a shaft for mining rock salt at Wyoming, Wyoming co. A company was organized for this purpose with the name Oatka Salt Co. under the management of John H. Duncan.

The section of the rock strata compiled by us some years ago from the Livonia salt shaft afforded the most complete information of the rock succession and sequence of faunas through 1600 feet of strata yet recorded in this State. It would be an important contribution to this science if we could duplicate and supplement this elaborate section, and consequently I entered into an understanding with