

Accident at Rutland.

A cave-in occurred Saturday afternoon in the Sheldon "covered quarry" at West Rutland, owned by the Vermont Marble company, instantly killing seven men and wounding nine others. T. A. McGuire, Herald mailing clerk, attempted to go down a ladder into the pit and fell 40 feet, receiving injuries that will probably prove fatal. The cause of the caving in of the quarry is not positively known. Two causes are suggested. The heavy storm of Thursday night and Friday morning may have been the first cause, or a blast which was made just before the walls fell in may have had something to do with it. There were less than 100 men in the quarry. The mass of stone which covered the men who were at work close by was, as near as can be estimated, 60 feet in length and 20 feet wide. It fell without the least warning, and all who were at work there were at once covered. All the victims carried accident insurance with the Vermont Marble company. The families of the dead will receive \$500 each in all cases, with one-half their yearly wages, if the wages were over \$1000 a year. The injured men will receive one-half their weekly wages and all doctor's bills. Three of the dead, however, and some of the injured had no families. The quarry is just north of a big sawing mill of the Vermont Marble company and is known as the Sheldon "covered quarry" or quarry No. 3. It was opened by Sheldon & Slausson in 1868 and operated by the Sheldons until January 1, 1892, when it was leased by the Vermont Marble company, which has run it since. Depth and surface considered, it is the largest quarry in the world. Its perpendicular depth is over 250 feet, and from this the quarry runs eastward and downward under the hill 300 feet or more. The accident was near the extreme end of the quarry far under the hill.