

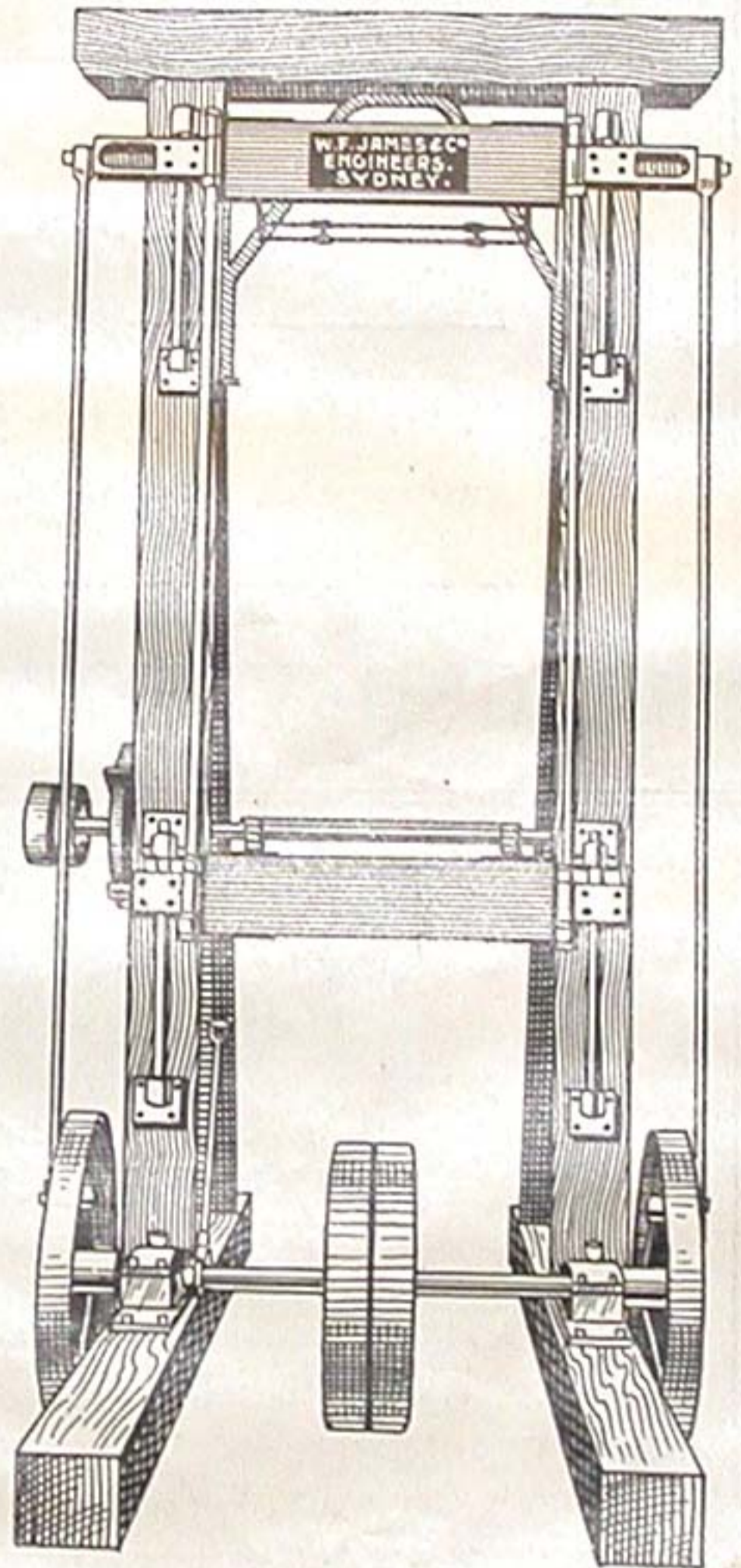
gate someone to approach the Federal Government regarding its contribution. Once the contribution of each State is assessed, then it will be necessary for the forest representative of the State to agree to include the amount in the draft scheme of expenditure for 1920-1921, in order that the money may be made available from the estimates or from forest funds. New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia all have funds set aside for forest purposes. The next work of the committee would be to draw up a memorandum advising as to site, curriculum, staff and salaries, also the control and management of the school and other details. In the matter of staff, I have already said that we must pay enough to attract the very best men.

The principal, who will have the moulding of an Australian school of forest thought, must be a broad-gauge man, and all his assistants must be the best obtainable. I have suggested salaries from £900 to £1,500, and, having regard to the present rate of pay to foresters in India and elsewhere, I think that less than those amounts would fail to draw the men we want. The committee should advise as to the choice of these men, and here I would like to suggest that whoever goes home to the Imperial Forestry Conference should be asked to select the principal and staff. We must, I think, acknowledge that we have not in Australia at present men that can be spared from their administrative duties to take up the educational side of the profession, and so must import our teachers. It is unlikely, much as I should wish it, that all matters can be finalized before this conference breaks up, and so it will be necessary to appoint the committee a standing one, with a secretary, to take charge of the scheme and bring the establishment of the school to a successful issue.

FORESTRY, its aims and agencies—fire control, silviculture, state economy—are still little understood. Habits of neglect and wastefulness attach to our woodlands, and are deep-rooted. An active, prolonged campaign of education, in which the nation and the states shall co-operate, is imperative.—*American Forestry.*

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