Pulp and Paper News

TIMBER REGULATIONS.

Delegation at Quebec Asks Changes. A delegation of the Limit Holders' Association and other parties interested in the lumber business waited on Premier Taschereau, Hon. Mr. Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests, and Hon. J. E. Perreault, minister of colonization, mines and fisheries, and, through Major C. J. Power, M.C., attorney, suggested that in view of the recent increase in duties on the exploitation of wood and paper in the province, as set by the provincial Government last August, changes in the present regulations should be made, if business was to be continued. They submitted a memorandum containing number of suggestions. Premier Taschereau and the other ministers stated they would immediately take

U. S. BUYS IN FINLAND.

up the matter.

Announcement that Americans are purchasing newsprint paper in Finland, was contained in a cablegram received last Thursday by the Irving National Bank, of New York, from A. E. Lindhjen, its Copenhagen representative. The cablegram said 40,000 tons of newsprint had been ordered from Finnish firms. It also reported that Norwegian and Swedish paper manufacturers had curtailed production one third, and that a further reduction was feared.

U. S. IS CANADA'S LOGICAL MARKET.

A despatch from New York says that Angus McLean, Vice-President and General Manager of the Bathurst Lumber Co., Ltd., Bathurst, N.B., pulp and lumber producers, declared on his arrival in New York from abroad, that Canada would take care of the United States in paper supply because of easy transportation and on account of her proximity to Canada's logical market. England will get her paper and pulp from Scandinavian countries in greater quantities than heretofore, he is reported to have said. "While abroad I discussed the paper situation with Lord Beaverbrook and it is his opinion that pulp will ease up," said Mr. McLean.

ENGLISH RIVER LIMITS.

It is stated at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, that E. W. Backus is by no means sure of being the successful tenderer for the English River timber limits. According to those who are in close touch with the development of Northern Ontario at least two other companies are likely to put up formidable opposition to Mr. Backus. Tenders for the limits are due to be opened on December 18th. Premier Drury, when interviewed, claimed that the Canadian Pacific Railway would not be the only road to benefit in the event of the Backus interests securing the English River limit. He contended that whoever gets the limit will have to build a line connecting with the Canadian National Railway, which would stand to get as much business as the C. P. R.

B. C. PULP LANDS.

Just now it is impossible to secure definite information in regard to just what is transpiring as to the proposed erection of new pulp mills in British Columbia, but if there are any legitimate plans on foot for the erection of plants, then the estimates that are being secured from the several machinery houses and supply firms will amount to some nice business for these firms in the near future. The writer has been endeavoring to run down the many rumors of increased facilities at some of the old plants, and finds that in one instance there is a change being made in boilers at the Ocean Falls plant, but no increased capacity is being provided. The identity of the parties who are securing estimates for the erection of new plants, is being kept very close. It is hoped that the development will take place as it means just so much more prosperity to British Columbia.

APPROVED CONDITIONS AT BELGO.

Mr. P. J. Jobin, Inspector of Industrial Establishments of the Province of Quebec, has visited the Belgo-Canadian Pulp & Paper Co.

The purpose of his trip was two fold:

1—Under the Provincial Law, no Industrial Concern can employ children under 14 years of age and none under 16 years of age unless they can read and write.

Mr. Jobin, put about 20 boys between the ages of 14 and 16 through the third degree and all were given registration Cards.

Out of the total only one professed to be unable to read and write and two were given "Fair" Certificates. The other came through with honors. The first three will have to attend a night class to learn to read and write, if not the inspector will withdraw the certificates and the boys will have to wait till over 16 before they can get employment in this Province.

2.—Inspection of the mill for "Safety devices", Mr. Jobin has congratulated the Company on the efficient way the machines are protected and has specially congratulated them on the First Aid Room, its operation and the result obtained.

LAND SETTLEMENT AND PAPER MILLS.

Speaking at a meeting at Monteith, Ont., Mr. R. A. McInnis, manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Company, Iroquois Falls, said that few people realized what the pulp industry meant to the North. The Abitibi Co. paid last year three and a half millions in wages alone. Then there were other mills at Smooth Rock, Kapuskasing and so on. In a few years the wages paid annually by these and new mills would run to the enormous total of \$15,000,000.

Where does the farmer come in? The pulpwood industries must have settlers; they must have produce and labor. First comes the large industry, then must come the settlers; roads are needed. The companies and the settlers must work together. It is use-

less for the people of the North to act individually. They must first work out a programme for the North and then go to the Government and get what they want.

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