

Paper-Making in Canada

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Paper has been made in Canada for more than a century. From the records that are available at the present time it would appear that the credit for the first paper mill belongs to what used to be known as Lower Canada. Bouchette's "Topography of Canada" states that Canada's first paper mill was established at St. Andrews, Quebec, in 1803. It was, from all accounts, started by a party of Americans who obtained concessions from the seigneurs. The second mill in Lower Canada appears to have been established at Bedford Basin, near Halifax, in 1818, by R. A. Holland, publisher of the Halifax Record.

In 1825, in a little village known as Crook's Hollow, was erected the first paper mill in what was then Upper Canada. This was a small building, about 30 x 40 feet, in which paper was made by hand. To Mr. Crooks, its founder,

belongs the distinction of having earned a bounty of £100 offered by the Government for the first sheet of paper manufactured in Upper Canada.

Simultaneously, on the banks of the Don River, a few miles from Toronto, John Eastwood and Colin Skinner were working to obtain the same honor. They succeeded in producing paper just a few days after James Crooks, so close, in fact, that the Government rewarded their efforts by remitting the duty on the paper-making appliances which they had imported from the United States.

The subsequent history of the pioneer efforts is not recorded. Little development appears to have taken place until 1840, when the brothers Taylor erected a mill in the same neighborhood. This was expanded by the addition of a second mill two miles above the first, and later by a third. These mills manu-

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