

Pulp and Paper News

CANADIAN TRADE CONDITIONS.

Christmas of 1920 finds a spirit of optimism pervading the Canadian paper industry generally although there is more or less uncertainty and speculation as to what the coming year is going to bring forth in respect to trade conditions. Leading authorities in pulp and paper circles admit their inability to pierce the veil that hides the future but are convinced that although the coming year may not see the unprecedented prosperity of the one just closing, the trade is going to remain healthy, if not extremely prosperous. This conviction is shared by manufacturer and jobber alike and while it is agreed that next year's prices will not retain their present level — and the opinion is prevalent that more normal prices all round would be better for the trade — the paper market is going to be well maintained and on a healthier basis. It is generally conceded that paper reached altogether too high a figure this year and that a fairly liberal trimming process could be carried on with advantage to the trade during the coming year. That lower prices will prevail next year is the conviction of most men in the trade but there is no indication of any very serious slump. Making due allowance for the optimism of the surveyors of advertising fields in Canada and the United States, who promise a bigger volume of business next year than ever before, it seems reasonable to assume that the demand for paper during 1921 is going to keep up and if there is going to be a market for the product the manufacturers are going to get a good price.

PULPWOOD FROM RUSSIA FOR UNITED STATES.

In the course of an interview given in New York last week just prior to his departure for Los Angeles, Washington D. Vanderlip, agent of the syndicate of Westerners interested in Siberian concessions, promised the publishers of America that they need never fear shortage of print paper if one of his many schemes works out. "I want to develop a pulpwood trade between the Murmansk district of northern Russia and the eastern seaboard of the United States," said Mr. Vanderlip. "Northern Russia has many hundreds of thousands of square miles of pulpwood easy of access to the sea and to deep water harbors, which can be loaded into American vessels and carried to the paper factories of the

eastern seaboard of the United States, these same vessels having carried to Russia cargoes of machinery and supplies purchased in the United States. This will prove a strong competition against Canadian pulpwood, now subject to high freights from Canada on the railroads. I have taken the matter up with one of the foremost publishers in the United States and he is very enthusiastic over the proposition. The traffic will be an all year round affair, as the Murmansk district is never icebound."

NEW YORK MARKETS.

The paper market continues devoid of feature Activity in the jobbing trade and at the mill centres is of narrow compass, and buyers are holding off to as great extent as in the recent past. In fact, demand for most kinds of paper is still receding, if anything, thus reflecting the gradual drawing near of the year-end and the holiday season. Mills in various parts of the country are devoting their major attention at the moment to compiling inventory and to making much-needed repairs to machinery, and while busy with these things, seem satisfied to let matters stand as they are and the market to follow its own course without any interference on their part. If the prevailing dullness was at any other period of the year the probabilities are manufacturers would exert more effort toward reviving interest among buyers or toward drumming up business in some fashion, but with such important matters as inventory and repairs occupying their time and attention it is not surprising that the average paper producer is pursuing a policy of aloofness.

DANSEREAU PULP & PAPER CO., SOREL.

The Dansereau Pulp and Paper located at Sorel, P.Q., will start building operations on their mills in the spring. Plans are now being projected and a survey is being taken of the site, which is on the south side of the Richelieu River.

Mr. J. H. Dansereau, of Montreal, is to be the President of the new company, which will have a capitalization of about \$5,000,000 privately subscribed.

The company hopes to commence operations in the fall of 1921, and will manufacture Mechanical Pulp for a year. A daily output of at least forty tons is expected, while the mills can handle eighty tons daily, working at full capacity. After a year, sulphite pulp will be manufactured and by the end of 1923 the company will be producing 100 tons of newsprint daily.

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