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larger quantities it has been sold down to 3 The tendency is toward larger mills and big product. I can see this, and I my self will put another machine in my mill this summer, which will give me a three-machine mill. There is a certain amount of paper imported into Canada, but it is growing less every year, both from England and the States. In the Rolland Paper Company we have a concern which is making a very satisfactory article of loft dried paper. It is really the only company in Canada making firstclass writing paper. Other concerns have tried it, but do not seem to be as successful in working the stock as Mr. Rolland

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