

ITALIAN PULP TRADE.

ACCORDING to the official returns for the first two months of this year (the latest available), the importation of wood pulp into Italy is largely upon the increase, says the Paper Mill. During the period mentioned, 64,714 quintals of "cellulose" (presumably chemical pulps) of a value of 1,941,420 lire, or about \$77,659, were imported. For the corresponding period of 1898 the figures were 50,747 quintals, valued at 1,522,410 lire (\$64,096), so that the increase during the twelve months is well over 20 per cent. The two months' import of mechanical pulps amounted to 1,372 quintals of moist (50 per cent.) and 11,086 of dry, respectively valued at £823 and £6,651. No moist pulp was imported during January and February, 1898, and only 10,047 quintals of dry, valued at £6,028, so that in this latter branch the annual increase is about 10 per cent.

The South Gardener pulp mill at Gardner, Me., is announced to have shut down owing to scarcity of logs.

PULP NOTES.

In 1898 Norway supplied Great Britain with 141,455 tons of ground wood pulp, Canada 36,359 tons, Sweden 24,043 tons, United States 13,475 tons, and Holland 2,584 tons.

The imports of wood pulp by Great Britain during the past five years were as follows: 1894, 279,765 tons, £1,432,400; 1895, 297,295 tons, £1,574,302; 1896, 327,080 tons, £1,684,667; 1897, 388,304 tons, £1,930,761; 1898, 404,842 tons, £1,894,394.

Prof. Grover, of Orono, Me., finished last month his hydraulic survey to the Tobique river, in New Brunswick, from its mouth to a point about three miles above the narrows. It is believed that upon his report will depend the carrying out or otherwise of the proposed paper and pulp mill project, in which A.H. Hilyard, of St. John, and others are interested.

The Pensacola Paper Mills have started in successful operation, manufacturing a high grade of manila paper from pitch pine pulp. The material used is waste from saw-mills, heretofore burned in slab piles. The mills have a capacity of five tons a day, and will give employment to fifty men. The pulp is made by a secret chemical process owned by the company, a discovery of R. Thomas, manager of the mills.

The Paper Mill comments as follows regarding a shipment of pulp from Canada:—The recent shipment to Canada to England of the largest cargo of wood pulp that ever crossed the sea, has aroused the enthusiasm of our English contemporaries. We are pleased to learn from one of these enthusiasts that "the discharging of this immense wood pulp cargo was effected in a comparatively short time, and that the cargo has turned out to be perfectly sound condition."

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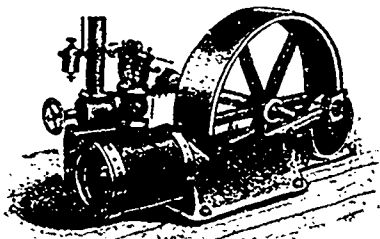
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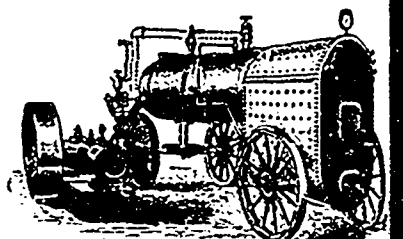
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