

NOTES OF THE TRADE.

THE CARTHAGE, N. Y., PULP CASKET CO. is the latest incorporation in New York State in the pulp line. A large mill is to be erected in close proximity to a pulp mill, and by the fall wood-pulp caskets will be the newest thing in the casket line. The pulp, when finished off, will give a highly-finished surface and the casket will be light, durable and reasonable in price.

A pulp mill is to be erected at Midland on the Georgian Bay.

Preparations have been commenced to rebuild a new pulp mill at Megantic upon the ruins of the burned mill.

A carload of machinery for the new pulp mill at Chicoutimi has been forwarded by Mr. John Jenckes, of Sherbrooke, Que.

The Adirondack Machine Co., of Carthage, N. Y., has just received a large order from Canada for paper mill machinery that will keep a large force of machinists at work for some time.

The new plant of the Mathieson Alkali Company on the lands of the Niagara Falls Power Company is one of the largest factories in the city of Niagara Falls. It is expected to be ready for operation on or about July 1.

Statistics showing employment in the paper trade in Great Britain are very encouraging. The percentage of unemployed union members at the end of February was 2.9 compared with 3.2 in January. The percentage for February, 1896, was 2.8.

An exchange announces that there is every prospect that the Ontario Government will grant the Canadian Niagara Power Co. an extension of time in which to commence development of the power in Queen Victoria Park, on the Canadian side of the falls.

From the lower St. John waters and ports in the Bay of Fundy many thousands of loads of spruce firewood are sent by schooner every year to the line-bordering towns of Maine, and also some pulp wood has been exported to Maine during the past year.

The reports from the Sault are that trade there is extremely dull, more so than at any time since the incorporation of the town. The Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co.'s big pulp mill has been closed down pending the announcement of the tariff changes.

The machinery has been ordered for the new pulp mills at Sturgeon Falls. Four large pulp grinders will be put in, and the machines are to be delivered the latter part of May. The order for the entire equipment is to be placed with the Bagley & Sewell Co., of Watertown, N. Y.

While Daniel Tierney was at his work at Davy's Pulp Mills, Thorold, he met with a serious accident. He was engaged taking pulp from the rolls when his arm became caught and was dragged between them, crushing and breaking the bone and muscles, and fearfully bruising the member. An effort will be made to save the arm.

Manager Hastings, of the Cliff Paper Mill, Niagara Falls, N.Y., is mayor of that city and is proving himself a hustler. Recently he appointed Jno. C. Morgan, manager of the Niagara Falls Paper Co., as member of the Board of Public Works. The paper men are rapidly dominating the political and municipal life of this vigorous young manufacturing city.

The Japanese appear to be taking the lead in devising new uses to which paper and pulp may be applied. The use of paper

for underwear is becoming popular. The quality used weighs 90 grains to the square foot, is tough, almost as much so as the thin skin used in making gloves, does not interfere with respiration or lose its toughness when wet. They are now talking of pulp as a material with which to build houses.

The supply of spruce logs in the yards of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., Paper Co. is rapidly diminishing, and preparations are being made to receive the cargoes which will be brought down by vessel from the Ontario shore of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay as soon as the ice is out of Lake St. Clair and the lower end of Lake Erie. An effort will be made to get in a small supply before the Canadian tariff goes into effect.

There is a steady call for paper and pulp to be applied to new uses. In all quarters men are working to make pulp and paper take the place of other materials, and the manner in which they are succeeding is sometimes surprising. Opening up these new channels is a good thing and will prove of decided and lasting benefit to the trade. A vast amount of product is to-day going into uses unheard and unthought of a few years ago.

Warren Curtis, of Corinth, N. Y., and A. Pagenstecher, of New York, of the Laurentide Paper Co., have been holding conferences at Saratoga. Ever since the introduction of Sir William B. Van Horne, the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and R. B. Angus, the president of the Bank of Montreal, with Gen. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, into the directory of the Laurentide Pulp Co. there have been busy times among the stockholders, directors and officers.

Joseph Bauer was whirled to death on a shaft at the Niagara Falls Paper Company's mill at Niagara Falls, on March 25th. He was at work in the basement under the machine room. A small belt on a blower slipped off and Bauer tried to slip it back without stopping the machinery. He slipped and was caught on the shaft, which was revolving at the rate of 250 revolutions a minute. In two minutes the machinery was stopped, but by that time Bauer was a mass of jelly.

Mr. J. C. Wilson, the well-known paper manufacturer of Montreal, has the sincere sympathy of all his wide circle of friends in the loss of his wife, who died at her home, 111 Crescent street, on March 24. The interment took place in Mount Royal Cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends. The deceased lady, who leaves three sons and two daughters, was an active worker in the Crescent Street Church, in which her membership dates back for 30 years.

The owners of the Rock City Falls, N.Y., Paper Company, who have, for a long time past, been putting in machinery for the manufacture of a liquid-proof paper by a Canadian process, expect to begin shortly the making of a paper that will withstand the action of water, oils and alcohols and that is expected to take, for many uses, the place of glass, tin and wood in the transportation of these substances. If a success, the mills will be enlarged and employment be given to nearly 200 men.

The pulp and paper industry will undoubtedly have a great future development in New Brunswick. There are at present two large sulphite fibre mills in the province, close together, on the Miramichi. The increase of this industry is only a question of a few years. There are four pulp mills in Nova Scotia. In Maine, which adjoins New Brunswick, the business has grown enormously. The pulp wood forests of the New England States