

water stretch in Northwestern Ontario, otherwise known as the Rainy River district. Fort Francis is on the very edge of Canadian territory, and as close as possible to the territory of the United States. Here it is said to be the purpose of Mackenzie & Mann to establish great pulp mills.

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along the three or four thousand miles of coast line which is skirted by the Rainy River waterway hundreds of thousands of cords can easily be secured. The market of the Western States would be accessible for the products of pulp mills at the Fort. If Mackenzie & Mann's pulp mills are built at Fort Francis, John Mather's large one at Rat Portage, and Jensen's at Port Arthur, the Rainy River district will become a considerable factor in the pulp industry.—The Paper Mill.

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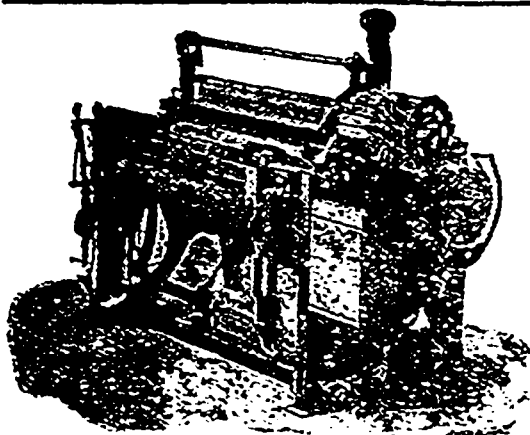
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