

The pulp taken from here by the steamer is valued at \$40,000. The company had the option of sending the fiber either to Halifax or St. John to load the balance of the cargo, and chose Halifax because the Intercolonial bid lower to Halifax than the Canadian Pacific and Canada Eastern to St. John for the carriage of the 400 tons of pulp. Competition between rival railways is a big thing for shippers of freight.

The Dominion Pulp Co., says the Chatham, N.B., World, is experimenting with hemlock. Two batches of hemlock fibre were cooked the other day, and the pulp looks white and of good quality. Should it prove to be as valuable to the paper makers as pulp made from spruce, it will be of much benefit to the owners of hemlock lands.

The Halifax Mail says: The pulp business is now looked upon as one of the most profitable investments in this province, and St. Margaret's Bay is considered a suitable locality for the operation of a large mill. It has advantages for shipping, and if the scheme goes through the community there will be benefitted. It is from this point, too, that the company proposes to distribute its power to other manufacturing concerns. From the engineer's report it has been ascertained that the water supply at that point is sufficient to develop thousands of horse power, and of the enormous amount available it is estimated that some 2,000 horse power can be brought to Halifax. The rest will be devoted to furnishing power for the pulp mill. As to Rockingham, a central power house will be established, and from that point the electricity be distributed about the country. In order that no time may be lost should the legislature decide to grant a charter, a representative of the company is now in New York making inquiries as to the cost of a plant and the machinery most approved by up-to-date electricians.

A correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, referring to the proposed works to be carried out in Newfoundland by the Newfoundland Bleached Pulp Company, under the management of the Messrs. Reid, of Montreal, says: "Preparations for commencing the pulp manufacture are in an advanced stage. All the plans are matured and machinery ordered. The most skilled experts have been consulted. The site of operations is an ideal one, being an immense area on the shores of Grand Lake, not far from the railway, densely covered with wood of the very best kind for making pulp. Close to it are the coal mines. Water power to any extent is available. In the marble beds of the Humber, at a short distance, are inex-

haustible supplies of lime. At Bay of Islands, at no great distance, are immense deposits of iron pyrites, containing 50 per cent. of sulphur, from which sulphuric acid is made—an indispensable article for the manufacture of the best kind of pulp. It would be impossible to find such a combination of advantages for carrying on such an industry, in any other place. One of the greatest pulp factories in the world will spring up here, as if by magic."

About one year ago arrangements were nearly completed for the erection of a large pulp mill at Buckingham, Que., but for a reason then unknown the undertaking was not proceeded with. Now the explanation is made public by an action for damages entered in the Superior Court of Quebec against Frank Ross, for \$500,000, the largest claim for which an action for damages was ever entered in that district. The plaintiff is John Livingstone, accountant, Montreal. Mr. Ross was the owner, or one of the owners, of the property that had been under negotiation, and Mr. Livingstone was the medium through whom it was sought to be purchased. In short, Mr. Livingstone acted as if he had an option on the property, and proceeded in the usual way to promote the sale of it by getting together the nucleus of a company to take it over. Mr. Ross is said to have intervened and the transaction was stopped. Mr. Livingstone regards Mr. Ross' withdrawal of the property, or refusal to sell it on the terms proposed, as a breach of agreement, for which he now sues for damages. He alleges that last fall Mr. Ross wrote to him offering the property for \$150,000, \$30,000 to be in cash and the remainder equivalent to cash. This letter he sets up as a promise of sale. He had an option of three months, he further states, in which to accept the offer or not. On the 15th of January last, the day on which the option is represented to have terminated, he claims to have tendered Mr. Ross through a notary \$30,000, which, he says, Mr. Ross refused to accept.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. A. E. Ryan, millwright with the Bronson & Weston Company, Ottawa, was married last month to Miss Bertha Denmark.

Mr. S. W. Conrad, a popular lumberman of St. Croix, N.B., recently took unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Reid. THE LUMBERMAN extends congratulations.

Mr. Joseph S. Wallis, of Port Carling, Ont., died last month. He carried on a sawmilling and general store business, and had been a resident of that village for 27 years.

Mr. W. H. Harris, representing Messrs. George T. Houston & Co., wholesale hardwood lumber dealers of Chicago, spent the holidays with his family in Toronto. The CANADA LUMBERMAN received a pleasant call from him during his stay in the city, and was pleased to learn that he is succeeding in working up an important business in Canada for the company which he represents.

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