

extensive home consumption in shipbuilding and general country development, there is a prosperous future before the lumbermen of British Columbia. Pulp is likely soon to become one of the greatest industries of the world, and happy should this province be in its possession of so large a supply of pulp producing timber. The eastern provinces have some 40 pulp mills in operation, involving about \$20,000,000 of capital. The United States, a large consumer, as well as Great Britain, are without supplies and must become very heavy purchasers in this province. Prof. Macoun says our fir, hemlock, poplar, spruce, etc., are the very best material for the demand. The very refuse of these timbers, after the lumberman has made his selection in the forests, could be used to great advantage to supply the ever-increasing demand for pulp were economy directed that way. With good timber in supply and the industry yet so young in this country, these latter considerations have scarcely yet been taken into account; but the day is not far distant in which they will give employment to a large population and bring a mine of wealth to the province. The demand for paper is ever on the increase the world over, opening up new markets, creating a new impetus to shipping; and with the supply of material in this province, it ought to become a source of untold wealth to the country, to say nothing of the business as an employer of labor.

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The reader will hear in mind there are large supplies of building timber in all parts of the country; that towns and villages are springing up in all parts of the province, the agricultural as well as the mining; and therefore mills are needed in every locality to supply the demand. There is then a field for the sawmill of capacity for local supply in many parts, and room for the capitalist who is prepared to manufacture extensively for export. For the purpose of meeting the expectations of the curious, we will give a brief outline of the working of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co's mills at Chemainus, on Vancouver Island, one of the largest concerns of the kind on the American continent. It has a capacity of 400,000 feet of lumber per day and a timber limit of 150,000 acres of the best wood in the country. In short, the mill was located there because of the supply of superior timber in the vicinity. The company has a branch railway of its own into the centre of the hush, some 10 miles in length, bringing in whatever lengths of timber may be required from time to time to meet demands. All old appliances at ordinary mills have given way at this to a system of automatic working much resembling human hands, so perfect is it and timely