

UNITED STATES TARIFF ON PULP AND PAPER.

The committee of the United States House of Representatives which has for months had under investigation the question of the duty on pulpwood and paper, reported to the House on Friday, February 19th. As a result of their investigations they recommend that mechanically ground pulp wood be admitted free of duty "from any country, dependency, province or other subdivision of government which does not forbid or restrict the exportation of or impose any export duty, export license fee or other export charge of any kind whatsoever, either directly or indirectly" upon ground wood or pulpwood; in all other cases they recommend that the duty be one-twelfth of one cent per pound. They further recommend that the duty on chemical wood pulp, unbleached, be one-sixth of one cent per pound dry weight, and on the bleached pulp one-fourth of one cent per pound, dry weight. If any country charge an export duty on pulpwood, the amount of such charge is recommended to be added to the other duties. Print paper, valued at not more than two and a quarter cents per pound, is recommended to be taxed one-tenth of a cent per pound, and paper worth from two and a quarter to two and a half cents per pound, four tenths of one cent per pound. The present tariff is three-tenths of a cent per pound on paper valued at two cents per pound or less, and four-tenths of a cent per pound on paper worth from two to two and a half cents per pound. "This, in the main," say the committee, "is a reduction in the tariff on ordinary newsprint paper from \$6 a ton to \$2 a ton." Further investigations by the Bureau of Plant Industry to procure some plant which will yield a fibre suitable to substitute for spruce in the manufacture of paper and by the Forest Service in their endeavor to find woods which can be used in the manufacture of wood are urged.

Mr. Norman M. Ross, Chief of the tree-planting division of the Forestry Branch, represented the forestry interests at the recent meeting of the Western Horticultural Society, giving an address, illustrated with stereopticon views, of the work done at the nursery station at Indian Head.