

Paper AND Pulp News.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CANADIAN PULP AND PAPER MAKING.

THE LATEST PRICES.

BRITISH.

LONDON, 1st September.—A deadlock exists in the mechanical pulp market at present. Several Scandinavian mills have, owing to the drought, been shut down, and makers insist on higher prices for next year, and an advance of 4s. to 5s. per ton has been asked during the last two weeks. Paper makers, however, claim that it will not pay them to pay higher prices for pulps unless there is a corresponding rise in price for paper, which they do not regard as probable. A large business has been done in sulphite at an advance on last year's prices. Soda pulp makers assert that their mills will not pay at less than £7 15s. per ton, and several threaten to shut down their mills unless they get an advance of about £1 per ton. Some, however, are making sales at low prices. The developments of the Tait process of treating jute are being watched with interest, and if the results prove as favorable as anticipated, the wood pulp trade will probably be affected.

CURRENT NET PRICES.

Ex steamer, London, Hull, Newcastle, Leith, Glasgow.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Sulphate and soda, bleached | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| " " " unbleached, first | 6 | 17 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| " " " second | 6 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| Sulphite, bleached | 11 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| " " " unbleached, first | 7 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| " " " second | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Pine, dry, in sheets | 1 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| " 50 per cent. air dry | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| " extra fine | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Brown, dry | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| " 50 per cent. air dry | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Aspen, dry | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 |

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK.—Business is looking upward with the return of business men from summer vacation. The demand for news continues good. Other grades moving fairly.

The demand for ground wood pulp is as heretofore. Prices vary materially with locality, from \$18 per ton upward.

There is a fair call for chemical fibre. Prices on No. 1 soda range 2 to 2¼c. Domestic sulphite is quoted at 1.60 to 2c., as to quality, for unbleached, and 3c. for bleached. Foreign grades are quoted as follows: Unbleached pine, soda process, 1¾ to 2¼c.; bleached, same process, 2.30 to 3¼c.; unbleached, sulphite process, 2.05 to 2.55c.; bleached, do., 3 to 3¼c.; bleached straw pulp, 3½c.

The market for paper makers' chemicals continues dull. Some of the latest quotations are: Bleaching powder, 1½ to 1¾c.; soda ash, 1¾c.; alkali, 58 per cent., .90 to 1c.; caustic, 2.20 to 2¼c.; German ultra marine, 7¾c.; ground alum, 1.85c.; lump alum, 2½c.

THE HOME MARKET.

Up to the end of August there was very little change to report in the home market. The demand for news continued good, but in other lines dulness ruled. During the first

two weeks of September, however, the situation has changed materially. Manufacturers report that there is a greatly improved demand for all lines, and prices show a corresponding firmness. The outlook for the fall trade is much more encouraging.

THE QUESTION OF EXPORT DUTY.

The Toronto correspondent of a trade paper published in New York sizes up the situation on the pulp wood question as follows:

"All the interests that have anything to gain from an export duty on pulp wood are getting in line to press the matter upon the attention of the Government. However Mr. Laurier may dispose of the plea of the manufacturers and those who will be associated with them in urging the adoption of the duty, it is certain he will have a more vigorous stage of the movement to deal with than had his predecessor, Sir Mackenzie Bowell. Though several months ago the arguments in favor of a duty appear to have been strong enough to persuade the latter, they are much stronger now, and the new Premier will need to muster all his faith in free trade and all his goodwill towards Uncle Sam if he resists them.

"The report of the Clerk of Forestry for Ontario, referred to in these columns a few weeks ago, is welcomed as a strong endorsement of the stand taken by the pulp grinders and paper makers, as it emphasizes the necessity of conserving our pulp wood resources, and dwells upon the rapid consumption which is stripping the pulp wood lands of the United States. Another recent public utterance that appears to justify the representations of the export duty advocates is that of Mr. George C. Sherman and others at the mid-summer meeting of the American Paper Manufacturers' Association. These dwell upon the fact that pulp wood is becoming scarcer every year in the United States, and incidentally refer to the possibility of Canada taxing exports of the material. This corroborative evidence as to the scarcity of pulp wood over the border will be included in the case to be prepared by our manufacturers for the consideration of the Government."

SAULT PULP AT MONTREAL.

The Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co. are beginning to push their pulp in the eastern markets. The first consignment passed through Montreal a few days ago. They have considerable pulp for this market at present with only one mill running. They expect to have another mill of the same capacity in full working order early in the winter. Their daily capacity will then be about 200 tons dry measure. The pulp turned out so far has proved to be of first-class quality.