

BRITISH PULP AND PAPER MAKERS.

THE annual meeting of the British Paper Makers' Association was held at Manchester, Eng., on March 17, Mr. Lewis Evans, vice-president of the association, presiding. It was reported that during the year a British wood pulp association had been formed, Capt. Partington, first vice-president of the Paper Makers' Association, being elected the first president of the Pulp Association. The two associations have been working in harmony, which promises to result in benefit to both.

The following is the Code of Trade Customs that has been finally adopted by the Paper Makers' Association :

I.—SALE.

Paper is sold either at a price per ream, based upon its nominal weight, or at the actual weight by the pound, packed in reams or in reels. Wrapping paper is sold by cwt. at scale weight.

Machine-made Papers.

- (1.) A ream of paper, unless otherwise specified, contains 480 sheets.
- (2.) An "Inside" ream contains 480 sheets "all Insides," i.e., 20 good or inside quires of 24 sheets each.
- (3.) A "Perfect" ream for printing papers contains 516 sheets.
- (4.) A ream of envelope paper contains 504 sheets.
- (5.) A ream of news contains 500 sheets.
- (6.) A "Mill" ream contains 480 sheets, and consists of 18 "Good" or "Insides" quires of 24 sheets each, and 2 "Outsides" quires of 24 sheets each.
- (7.) Reams are classed as "Good," "Retree," and "Outsides." The price of "Retree" is 10 per cent. and of "Outsides" 20 per cent. lower than that of "Good."

Hand-made Papers.

- (8.) A "Mill" ream, "Good" or "Retree," contains 472 sheets, and consists of 18 "Insides" quires of 24 sheets each, and two "Outsides" of 20 sheets each.
- (9.) An "Insides" ream, "Good" or "Retree," contains 480 sheets, and consists of 20 "Insides" quires of 24 sheets each.

In all cases the "Outsides" quires are placed one at the top and one at the bottom of the ream.

II.—VARIATION IN WEIGHT.

- (1.) If the total actual weight of that of any individual ream, or reel, do not vary by more than 5 per cent., either above or below the ordered weight, the order is duly executed.
- (2.) When the purchaser has fixed a maximum weight per ream, the order is duly executed if the paper be not more than 10 per cent. under weight.
- (3.) But for all papers of substance under 6 lbs. demy (17½ by 22½), and above 50-lbs. demy, the actual weight may vary 10 per cent. either over or under.
- (4.) In the case of reels, claims for short length can only be made when the shortage exceeds 5 per cent., and then only for the amount of any excess over and above such 5 per cent.
- (5.) Payment for paper in reels, according to the yield of saleable copies, cannot be claimed by the purchaser, unless so stipulated at the time of the order.

III.—VARIATIONS IN MEASUREMENT.

- (1.) The size of the paper in reams may vary, but in "Good" reams the variation must not exceed ½ per cent.

- (2.) The width of paper in reels must not vary more than ½ per cent.

N.B.—Clause III. (1), (2) is not applicable to hand-made paper.

IV.—SPECIAL MAKINGS.

- (1.) For makings of special weight, size, tint, watermark, etc., not having a regular sale in the market, the order is considered to be duly executed if the quantity made is not more than 5 per cent. under the quantity ordered, and the purchaser is bound to take at full price any reasonable excess. In writing and drawing papers it is customary for the buyer to take with the "Good," the "Retree" and "Outsides."

- (2.) Where a maximum quantity is stipulated for when ordering, the order is considered duly executed if it amounts to not less than 90 per cent. of the stipulated quantity.

V.—MATERIALS.

- (1.) Unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the order, the maker is absolutely free as to what materials he shall use.

VI.—WRAPPING UP.

- (1.) The weight of necessary wrappers and string for reams and reels is to be included in the chargeable weight of the paper.

VII.—MODE OF PAYMENT.

- (1.) The customary terms of payment are cash within 30 days from the end of the month in which shipment was made for export sales, and within 30 days from the end of the month in which delivery was effected for home sales.

VIII.—RETURNED EMPTIES.

- (1.) Carriage on returned empty frames, centres, boards, boxes, packing cases, etc., is payable by customers returning same.

WOOD PULP CONTRACT NOTE.

The following wood pulp contract note, drawn up by the British Wood Pulp Association and adopted at a conference between representatives of the English and Scottish paper-makers' associations, was submitted to the meeting :

1. Packing and Weight.—The pulp to be packed in covered bales of declared uniform weight, or a specification to be given stating the weight of each bale. Gross weight to be invoiced as net weight. The price named is per ton of 2,240 lbs. (= 1,015 kilos) air-dry weight.

3. Definition of "Air-Dry."—By air-dry weight is understood 90 per cent. absolutely dry pulp and 10 per cent. of moisture. When pulp is sold with 50 per cent. of moisture, it should contain 50 per cent. air-dry, or 45 per cent. absolutely dry pulp.

3. Sampling and Testing.—In the event of a claim for deficiency of air-dry material, excess moisture or short weight, samples to be taken from near the top, centre, and bottom of each, of not less than 2 per cent. of the bales (at least five to be sampled) forming the delivery in dispute, said bales to be intact, and to be accurately weighed before sampling. The samples to be submitted to a public analyst of acknowledged good standing and said samples to be drawn in the presence of the two parties, or their representatives, or the analyst himself. The analyst to declare the actual amount of absolutely dry pulp found in the samples tested, and in estimating the total air-dry