

Mr. W. A. Shepard, on his recovery from a dangerous illness. He said the trade throughout the country, as well as the Association, joined in congratulations.

Other very important business came up before the meeting, which was disposed of satisfactorily. The meeting then adjourned.

#### CANADIAN PULP AND PAPER MILLS

**M**R. J. D. ROLLAND, president of the Rolland Paper Co., of Montreal, is just now in England upon matters of a city character in connection with Montreal Finance; but happening to pass Shoe Lake, he called at our office on Monday last, says the *Paper Trade Review*. Our first question was: How about the Canadian Paper Trust?

Said Mr. Rolland: "He was not personally interested so much in it as very many of the mills, for his company only manufactured loft-dried writing papers and fine book papers, of which they had just completed a new sample book."

"Concerning the prospects of the proposed Trust?"

"The steps taken at present may be looked upon as preliminary, being more an effort to unite proprietors of the mills and concentrating their ideas, bringing them down to a crisp, solid and all-important reasonable working basis, for negotiations."

"As regards the actual progress," continued Mr. Rolland, "the mills making browns and manillas had come to an understanding as to price of selling, and are worked harmoniously at rates which are reasonable to the customer."

"On the other hand, the mills running on news and book papers, of which there are about a dozen, have not yet settled as to price, and competition continued to be excessively keen. The E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull, near Ottawa, and the Royal Pulp Mills, have increased their output considerably, thus tending to still further depress prices, a factor which may have an important influence in causing an early decision as to a combination price."

"And the outlook?"

"It is evident to the commercial mind that these new mills cannot be making much profit; therefore, as soon as all are united as to the selling price, it will be easier for the proposed paper trust to negotiate."

Enquiring as to the welfare of some of the mills in Ontario we heard that the Toronto Paper Manufacturing Co., of which Mr. John R. Barber is president, a gentleman, who, through his energy in carrying the mill through even the most troublesome times with utmost safety, is running full time and maintains its reputation."

"The Napanee Paper Co. are producing a very good quality of cheap news, and their capital location helps them in trade."

"The operations of The E. B. Eddy Company, Ltd., are looked upon very critically by their opponents, now that they have two machines, both eighty-four inches. The general excellence of the quality of their output affects some smaller mills very seriously."

"The Canada Paper Co., Ltd., are a strong concern, making a good grade of news and book, and run four machines."

Concerning the Rolland Paper Co., Mr. Rolland was naturally very quiet, but it transpired, after some pressing, that "the company were contented with their prospects. During the summer the mill had been extended, additions being made to the loft-drying and finishing departments, two new super calenders having lately been put in."

Mr. Rolland spoke very well of the work done by, and value of, refining engines, and he was not surprised at their steady introduction into this country, for they are most economical in use.

"How are our friends, Messrs. Buntin & Co.?"

"The firm of Alexander Buntin & Co. is a good old-established house, and lately they have made some additions as to their machinery. They have two wide Fourdernier machines, running chiefly on news and book papers."

Reverting to the pulp trade Mr. Rolland said: "A great deal of chemical pulp is shipped to the States by The Eddy Co., the Royal Pulp Co., and the Chatham Co., but the manufacturers of ground wood pulp are in a depressed condition, and there is a feeling that efforts must be made to stimulate the Government to put an exportation tax on wood shipped to the United States, as American pulp producers are buying large quantities, which naturally tends to be detrimental to the manufacturing interests of the trade of the Dominion. Advanced men in the trade speak very strongly upon this question, and are likely to make united efforts before long to get remedial measures carried, and in this movement they will have the good will of the whole Dominion."

"The largest chemical pulp mill is that of the Maritime Chemical Pulp Co., Ltd., who are one of the principal exporters of chemical fibre; they produce a pulp of very good quality. The shipments are mostly to the New England mills of U.S.A."

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