

WOOD PULP DEPARTMENT

THE BRITISH WOOD PULP MARKET.

MECHANICAL pulp makers have been greatly exercised lately owing to the alleged endeavors of certain speculators to corner the market, to cover their "bear" sales, says Wood Pulp, of London, Eng. Norwegian makers have been frightened by their inability to place their output freely at the high prices they have hitherto demanded. We can, however, see no reason for any slump in prices. On the contrary, owing to the exceedingly mild winter, there has been difficulty in bringing forward supplies of wood, and prices for timber should therefore be higher. We have warned Scandinavian makers repeatedly of the large quantity of pulp coming from America, but after all, this has its limits, and should the now strained relations between America and Spain reach the breaking point, there can be no doubt the consequences will be widespread. Our advice, therefore, to sellers is now, as it ever has been, don't hold out for the highest price, but sell as soon as you see a reasonable margin of profit. "Live and let live" is a good maxim.

With regard to sulphite this has also been affected by the mild winter, as there has been absolutely no stoppage of inland communication, and owing to the exceptionally late closing by ice of the Baltic, supplies from that district were shipped as late as January. The weather has, however, now changed, and it is therefore expected that the opening of navigation will be later than usual. We hear a good deal about sulphites being offered at low prices, but on investigation

cannot find that any large quantities have changed hands.

The market, however, is certainly dull, and we generally find that when this is the case, small buyers become frightened, and pressing for sales through various agencies tend to lower the market without any actual business having been effected. Prices, notwithstanding, keep firm, with the exception of those for some low quality pulps and American consignments.

There is little spot soda pulp offering, and prices are firm, owing to the fact that the bulk of this year's pulp has already been disposed of. We regret, however, to hear that some makers are already trying to effect sales for next year, but this we think bad policy, and quite unnecessary, as no new soda mills have come into existence, and we can hear of only slight increases in the output of existing ones. Esparto, however, has never been so low before, and this will not tend to raise prices.

PULP NOTES.

The town of Woodstock, N.B., is desirous of interesting capitalists in its advantages for pulp making.

The World's Paper Trade Review records the arrival at British ports of large quantities of American and Canadian wood pulp.

The Takush Harbor Lumber Company Vancouver, B.C., is considering the establishment of paper and pulp mills on an extensive scale.

A correspondent of the Truro, N.S., News states that the East River, Sheet Harbor, saw mill is to be replaced by a pulp mill, with four grinders.

Frederick Bonney is erecting a paper mill in Ottawa. The paper will eventually be manufactured from sawdust, but for the present pulp-wood will be used.

Mr. G. O. S. Conway, of Stonefield, is organizing a company to develop a water power at Grenville, Que. The scheme includes the erection of a pulp mill.

Messrs. Drysdale & McInnis, representing a syndicate, have made a proposition to the town of Dartmouth, N.S., to establish a paper and pulp mill to employ from 200 to 300 men. The town council has been asked to exempt

the works from taxation for 50 years, and has offered exemption for 30 years, which will probably be accepted by the syndicate. The company propose to manufacture chemical pulp, to be consumed in its own paper mill. The capacity, 20 tons per day, would require 15,000 cords of spruce wood, 8,000 tons of sulphur and 1,000 tons of limestone per annum.

LUMBERMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
74 Freehold Loan Building,
TORONTO, 23rd March, 1898.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of The Lumberman's Association of Ontario will be held in the

BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, TORONTO,

Thursday, 7th Day of April, 1898, at 10:30 a.m.

At the Annual Meeting held here on Tuesday, March 22nd, a committee was appointed, composed of the following gentlemen, John Pertram, John Waddie, C. D. Warren, R. Landlaw and J. B. Miller, to revise the constitution of the Association and to report to the adjourned meeting on the 7th April.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the constitution will be amended or replaced by a new one at this meeting.

All interested in the manufacture of lumber or holding timber licenses are invited to attend, and if not already members, then to join the Association.

As there are many matters of importance to all lumbermen likely to arise in the near future, it is hoped that there will be a full attendance, and that the Association will once more be placed on a sound footing and in a position to conserve the interests of the lumber manufacturing trade of Ontario.

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