

place, has advised the board that there is not water enough for a mechanical mill, but that the river will furnish enough water-power to operate a sulphite mill. A 40-ton sulphite mill would, he estimated, cost \$70,000, exclusive of water privileges and land, and the wood, he thought, could be had at an outside cost of \$3 per cord, leaving a good margin of profit. He also advised that a paper mill be built, if possible.

The first public step of the new United States envelope consolidation is an increase in prices, averaging about 20 per cent.

N. Hashimoto, a Japanese paper merchant, is making arrangements for business connections and trade facilities with this country.

An exchange calculates that the yearly production of paper in the world is 3,000,000,000 pounds weight, and that this emanates from 2,891 mills.

W. D. Dixon, of Markinch, and P. Grosset, of Leven, directors of The St. John Sulphite Co., sailed from Liverpool at the end of November for St. John, N.B., in connection with the business of the sulphite works now in course of erection.

George Lake, of Glossop, who was commissioned by Capt. Partington to report on the prospects for the proposed Cushing pulp mill at St. John, N.B., has been in Canada for the past month. He expresses himself as favorably impressed with the facilities at St. John for the manufacture of pulp, and it is believed that he will advise Capt. Partington to invest in the undertaking.

The papermakers of Niagara Falls are much put out by the prospect of having to pay higher freight rates, after the end of the year, from Canadian points on the G.T.R. and C.P.R. roads. These roads, it is said, have come to the conclusion that they have been carrying pulp wood at too low rates, and a material increase in the freight rates is contemplated. The paper men do not, however, propose to submit quietly, and are figuring to bring their wood over the Niagara Central, which has been purchased by New York people who intend converting it into an electric road.

Telegraph and telephone poles, flagstaves, and spars for the small sailing vessels, are the latest development in the line of manufacture from paper. They are made of pulp, with which small quantities of borax, tallow, and other ingredients are mixed. These are cast into a mould in the form of a hollow rod of the desired diameter and length. The poles and spars are claimed to be lighter and stronger than wood. They do not crack or split, and it is said that when they are varnished or painted the weather does not effect them. Besides possessing these advantages, the paper can be made fireproof by saturating it in a strong solution of alum water.

#### ANOTHER LARGE MILL FOR QUEBEC.

A large English syndicate has approached the Quebec Government with an offer to erect a mill with a capacity of 450 tons of pulp per day, provided the Government will give them the free use of certain water-power which they have indicated. The syndicate, it is reported, offer to expend \$2,000,000 in construction work, and the site selected for the principal mill is on Alma Island on the Grand Discharge. An electric railway to Tadousac, which is to be utilized as a winter shipping-port, is a part of the scheme.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec 1.—Mechanical seems to be in request at the present moment, but, as far as we can hear, buyers are not yet inclined to pay the prices quoted by sellers.

Sulphite is rather firmer. The paper mills here are busy at present, and there is a fair demand for pulp of good quality. Some of the new Scandinavian mills come into operation shortly, however, and this will, no doubt, affect the market to a certain extent.

There is no change to report in soda pulp.

#### CURRENT NET PRICES. C.I.F.

	£	s.	d.	to	£	s.	d.
Sulphate and soda, bleached, per ton	10	0	0	to	12	10	0
" unbleached, first	8	0	0	"	9	5	0
" " second	7	15	0	"	8	0	0
Sulphite, bleached,	11	10	0	"	15	0	0
" unbleached, first	8	5	0	"	11	0	0
" " second	7	12	6	"	8	0	0
Pine, dry, in sheets	4	5	0	"	4	10	0
" 50 per cent. air dry	2	0	0	"	2	2	6
" extra fine	2	2	6	"	2	7	6
Brown, dry	4	2	6	"	4	7	6
" 50 per cent. air dry	2	2	6	"	2	5	0
Aspen, dry	6	10	0	"	7	10	0

#### MR. MAXIM GOING INTO PULP.

An Ottawa despatch to The Globe states that one of the largest pulp mills in the world is a probability of the next few months for the Ottawa district. On Monday, Dec. 19, Hiram Maxim, of London, England, the inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun, and Charles L. James, lumberman, of Boston, went out to Gilmour & Houston's mills at Chelsea to examine the water-power, with a view to establishing a mammoth pulp mill. Mr. Maxim said that he could not give much information, but would say that he was here to examine a water-power and pulp lands with a view to building a big mill. "We have lots of money to back our talk," remarked Mr. James, who was present, "and have unbounded faith in the natural resources of this country." While no definite announcement could be made until arrangements are more complete, Mr. Maxim intimated that the concern would be on a big scale.

Paper, according to The Klein Zeitung, has a magnificent future. It describes a large paper house with 16 rooms, which has been erected by a Russian gentleman upon his country estate at Savinowka, in Podolia. The house was constructed in New York by an American engineer, and cost 80,000 roubles. Its architect declares that it will last longer than a stone building. To make the triumph of paper still more emphatic, the proprietor has resolved that the whole of the furniture shall be made of the same material.

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