

PULP NOTES.

Mr. Lorne McGee has been appointed manager of the Laurentide Pulp Company at Grand Mere, Que.

Mr. Chas. H. Vogel, of Thorold, Ont., is making water power surveys on the Ottawa river for pulp mill purposes.

It is reported that Chapin & McVittie, who own a pulp concession north of Mattawa, Ont., intend erecting a pulp mill there.

It is stated authoritatively that as soon as spring opens the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Company will push work rapidly on their projected pulp mill near Webbwood, Ont.

The imports of wood pulp by Great Britain in 1900 were 488,827 tons. Of this quantity 58 per cent. was supplied by Norway, 23 per cent. by Sweden, 11 per cent. by Canada, and 2 per cent. by the United States.

Price Bros. & Company, of Quebec, are said to have subscribed half of the capital necessary for the erection of a pulp mill on the River Du Sud at Montmagny, Que., and it is announced that work will commence this spring.

The Chaudiere Falls Pulp Company is seeking incorporation, capital \$500,000, headquarters Quebec. The applicants include Henry Atkinson, lumber merchant, Etchemin, and Chas. King and H. M. Price, lumber merchants, Quebec.

A change will in future be made in the method of compiling the Board of Trade returns showing the pulp imports into England. The British Wood Pulp Association having induced the customs authorities to distinguish between the imports of chemical and mechanical and wet and dry pulp.

Work has begun on the projected site of the pulp and paper mills to be built at Brompton Falls, Que., by an American syndicate which recently purchased a water power from the British American Land Company. It is expected that \$500,000 will be spent on the enterprise. Mr. Tobin, M. P. for Richmond and Wolfe, is interested in the company.

The Quebec Pulp & Paper Company, capital \$350,000, has been organized, the object being to build mills at Indian Lorette. The initial step is to be a ground wood

pulp mill of 30 tons capacity daily, then a sulphite mill of 75 tons and a paper mill of 50 tons. The formation of the company was looked at by R. Wilson-Smith, Meldrum & Company, of Montreal.

It is reported that in the province of Quebec there has been a sharp advance in the price of pulp wood, some loggers asking as high as \$5 per cord on the south side of the St. Lawrence. Many American mills are said to be short of their supply of pulp wood. The International Paper Company, of Niagara Falls, is receiving nearly all of its supply by the carload from Michigan and Ontario.

The Chicoutimi Pulp Company, of Chicoutimi, Que., is preparing to erect another pulp mill near the present one, to have a capacity of 60 tons per day. It is to be a 12-grinder mill, and is expected to be ready for operation early in 1902. Mr. Pratt, the superintendent of the company, thinks that the government should dredge the Chicoutimi river from its mouth to the town of Chicoutimi, as at present shippers are compelled to go six miles down the river to load goods on vessels.

In an address before the Ottawa Board of Trade, Hon. Mr. Shimizu, Japanese consul at Vancouver, spoke as follows regarding the increased shipments of pulp to Japan: "Of course I am very glad to observe, as I said before, that the trade between Japan and Canada has already begun to grow. Take, for instance, wood pulp. Just a few years ago samples of this product were sent to Japan as an experiment, with the result that in 1898 less than 400,000 pounds were exported to Japan, while in the next year over 3,000,000 pounds were sent to my country, and I am told that from the pulp mills at Sault Ste. Marie alone 500 tons of these goods are now being sent to Japan monthly."

Satisfactory progress is being made towards the erection of pulp mills in the Lake of the Woods district. Mackenzie & Mann are preparing to build a mill at Fort Frances, while steps are also under way by another syndicate to build a mill on the American side. It is not unlikely that these two enterprises will be united, as a meeting of the promoters was held in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, recently, when such a proposition was dis-

cussed. The Keewatin Power Company are reported to have decided to build large pulp mills at Rat Portage, somewhat further north and west than Fort Frances, on Rainy Lake. There is an excellent water power there. The directors of the Keewatin Power Company are: J. Fuller, Hamilton (president); William Gibson, ex-M.P., Beamsville; Alex. Fraser, Ottawa, and Alex. Maclaren, Buckingham, Que.

The revenue derived by the province of Ontario last year from pulp wood dues was about \$13,000, compared with \$4,828 in the year previous, the increase showing the development in this branch of forest product. The quantity in the two years was 65,000 cords and 30,000 cords respectively. The yield of pulpwood on the areas now being cut is probably ten cords to the acre, which means that about 6,500 acres were cut over last year, or about eleven square miles, which is a mere drop in the bucket in northern Ontario. North of the height of land surveyors have estimated that the spruce yield will be from 50 to 75 cords to the acre. Last year's cut of pulpwood yielded the government 20 cents per cord, but an order in council was passed a year ago providing for its increase to 40 cents, which went into effect April 30th, 1900, after last year's cut had ceased. The change provided that the 40-cent rate will apply on timber licensed lands where the rate had been 12½ cents; on lands that were under pulp agreements, at 20 cents; and on lands where permits were issued for small quantities at 25 cents. The new rate does not apply to the Sault Ste. Marie mill for three years yet, the price having been fixed at 20 cents for a certain term by special agreement.

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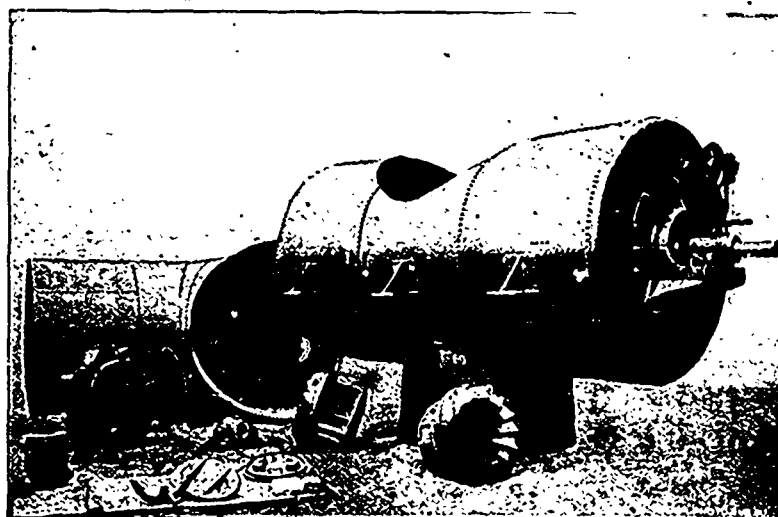
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