

to lock ourselves within our own borders and reject the inter-republic division of labour. And yet we do hope that we will be able to retain our partner relationships with enterprises in the industry in other regions of the USSR. The laws of economics and the marketplace as well as considerations of mutual profitability should gain the upper hand in the long run.

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First Soviet Made Papermaking Machine  
in Operation at Kondopoga

In its March 22nd edition the newspaper Lesnaya promyshlennost presented a detailed analysis - in V. Alekseev's article "Everyone Needs Paper" - of the crisis situation that exists in the country with regard to paper production.

Articles on this subject have appeared in other newspapers as well. Undoubtedly the reader is extremely interested in knowing why there is so little paper in our country, what specific solutions are being put forward to extricate us from the crisis, and what the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry thinks about this.