

WOOD PULP ~ ~ DEPARTMENT

BANQUET OF THE QUEBEC PULP WOOD ASSOCIATION.

The first annual banquet of the Quebec Pulp Wood Association was held in the Grand Central Hotel, Sherbrooke, Que., on May 31st last. Mr. H. M. Price, president of the association, presided, and had at his right Mayor J. O. Camirand and Mr. J. H. Walsh, general passenger agent of the Q.C.R., and on his left Mr. William Farwell, president, and Mr. James McKinnon, general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank. Among those present were:—Messrs. E. W. Tobin, M.P., B. A. Dugal, manager Bank National; F. N. McCrea, B. C. Howard, D. O. E. Denault, E. C. Gatien, E. Lagucux, L. S. Channell, L. A. Belanger, J. S. Tetreault, A. Gendron, J. A. Precourt, Sherbrooke; John Champoux, D'Israeli; D. H. Pennington, St. Julie. G. C. Poulin, St. Jean; O. C. Morrisette, Lake Megantic; C. C. Wilson, Lewiston, Me.; L. Bolduc and N. T. Turgeon, St. Francis; G. P. Nadeau, Stanfold; B. Quinn, Windsor Mills.

The toast of the King having been duly honored, Mr. O. C. Morrisette, of Lake Megantic, proposed the toast of the Quebec Pulp Wood Association, coupling with it the name of the president.

In reply Mr. Price stated that enquiry had often been made as to what were the objects of the Association, and he would state briefly the reasons why they had formed themselves into an association. They were joined together to promote the pulpwood interests in the Province of Quebec, by union and co-operation, and to impress upon the shippers that it was in their interests to ship nothing but pulpwood of the very best quality; to see that all contracts were observed, and that they got the necessary railway facilities. Mr. Price dealt with the shipment of pulpwood to the United States. It was apparent to everyone in the business that the United States was dependent to a great extent on Canada for its supply of pulp wood. From statistics with which he had been furnished, he found that the United States consumed about 2,000,000 cords of pulp wood, and from the same figures he found that Canada supplied about 400,000 cords. Canada shipped about the same quantity of ground pulpwood as in the cord. He was of the opinion that the whole of the pulpwood should be manufactured in Canada. He was a strong protectionist, and believed that all Canadians should be protectionists insofar as protecting their industries were concerned. If steps were taken to protect the pulpwood industry it would mean that capital would be brought into the country, and the pulpwood would be manufactured in our own country. He said that they should take every means to see that the wood which they contracted for should be of the full length. Complaints had been received in regard to this, and the sooner it was stopped the better.

Mr. E. W. Tobin, M.P. for Richmond and Wolfe, spoke at some length on the pulpwood question as it was before the country to-day. He believed that they should join together, and sell their pulpwood f.o.b. on the cars. There had been a great increase in the pulpwood business during the past few years. While they might all be protectionists insofar as the lumber business was concerned, he believed that what they really needed was more capital. They were getting a good price for pulpwood to-day. The mills in Canada were getting \$4 to \$5 a cord, while in New York state it was selling for \$11 a cord. He did not believe in an export duty on pulpwood, because if that were put on it would effect the farmers and settlers. Mr. Tobin suggested that the Association should take up the question of insurance, and if they worked together as an association they would get cheaper rates.

Mr. F. N. McCrea proposed "Our Guests," and coupled with the toast the Mayor of Sherbrooke, Dr. Camirand, Mr. Wm. Farwell, and Mr. J. H. Walsh, General Passenger Agent Q.C.R.

Mayor Camirand referred to the great strides of the pulpwood business in the last twenty years. He always regretted to see so much pulpwood going out of the country, when it might be manufactured in this country if there was an export duty.

Mr. Wm. Farwell said that they had an available asset in their lumber lands. The people did not appreciate the value of the vast lumber interests in the country. He was a strong advocate of protection. He was in favor of absolute protection. This Canada was getting to be a big nation, and the only way they could build it up was to follow the example of their neighbors to the south of them. They did not want to be French, English, Scotch or Irish, but one people, and when they decided to be as one people then their country would increase and stretch from the North Pole to the Gulf of Mexico. If they had an export duty on pulpwood, and turned out the very best article, they would soon hold the market of the world.

Mr. J. H. Walsh said that the railways were in close



MR. HERBERT M. PRICE,
President of the Quebec Pulp Wood Association.

touch with and greatly interested in the pulpwood business. The shipment of pulp was a source of revenue to the railways. He was somewhat surprised at the figures given by the President in regard to the amount of pulpwood shipped to the United States. He thought he was safe in saying that of the 400,000 cords, half of that quantity went through Sherbrooke.

Mr. James McKinnon, general manager of the E.T. Bank, said it gave him great pleasure to be present that evening. He took issue with the figures presented by the chairman in regard to the quantity of pulpwood shipped to the United States. He had been informed by a leading railway man in Boston that fully 800,000 cords of pulpwood was shipped from Canada. He had been told by leading business men in the United States that the Canadians were fools to let so much go out of the country. If steps were taken to stop the export of pulpwood it would mean that American capitalists would have to come into this country.

PULP NOTES.

A company is being formed for the purpose of building a paper mill on the St. Anne river at Raymond, Que. The new mill will adjoin the pulp mill on the fine water power at that place now operated by McFarlane & Evans, of Montreal.

The preliminary surveys for the large pulp and paper mills to be built at Fort Frances, Ont., by the American Power Company are now being made by W. L. Bowker, superintendent of construction for A.

Nood & Company, a New York engineering firm. Minneapolis capitalists are interested in this project.

The employees of the Royal Paper Company, East Angus, Que., to the number of 300, went on strike recently, demanding their wages fortnightly instead of monthly. They also set forth a grievance against the superintendent of the mill.

The new pulp mill of J. R. Booth at Ottawa has commenced operations. It is a two-storey structure of concrete and brick, and is equipped with the latest machinery, the capacity being 70 to 80 tons of pulp daily. The total cost was about \$150,000.

It appears that the English stockholders of the St. John Sulphite Pulp Company, whose mills are situated at Mispec, N.B., are determined to withdraw their capital and close up the business. It is said that local parties will acquire and operate the mill if satisfactory terms can be obtained.

The Quatsino Power & Pulp Company, for whom 100 square miles of pulp lands lying between Quatsino and Broughton Strait, in British Columbia, were reserved two years ago, are preparing for active operations. They have already selected their pulp areas, and are about to let a contract for the erection of a wharf, saw mill and pulp mill on the narrows of Quatsino Sound. It is intended the saw mill shall have a capacity of 40,000 feet per day, while the pulp mill will produce about 70 tons daily. The estimated initial expenditure will run about \$130,000. As soon the plant is thoroughly under way, and business warrants such a step, they purpose erecting a paper mill. The company has a total working capital of \$500,000.

W. A. Bauer has been commissioned by the Oriental Pulp & Power Company to survey 22,200 acres of timber land on the coast of British Columbia, which will finish all the surveys of the company's lands and make the concession from the government complete. Work in connection with the construction of the pulp and paper mills at Swanson Bay is progressing steadily. The location is on the mainland, opposite Princess Royal Island, and is admirably suited for this purpose. There is a never failing source of water supply, furnishing 15,000 horse power from Yule Lake. This has been tested at all times of the year, and that amount of power is the minimum. The timber to be used is all located in the vicinity. J. M. Mackinnon, of Vancouver, the local representative of the Canadian Finance Syndicate, of London, of which the Oriental Pulp & Paper Company is a subsidiary organization, states that \$100,000 has already been expended. The ultimate expenditure will be \$900,000. The works will be very large, and the company has already secured 500 acres for a town site surrounding the location.

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