

WOOD PULP DEPARTMENT

GOOD LOCATION FOR A PULP MILL.

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Editor of the CANADA LUMBERMAN:

DEAR SIR:—While the excitement in the Klondyke and Kootenay districts is attracting the attention of Canadian capitalists, would you permit me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to place before the readers of THE LUMBERMAN an industry (and a growing one) where safe investment can be made, with large profits in return. I refer to the sulphite pulp industry. There is no doubt that in the very recent hundreds of thousands of dollars, and I may go further and say millions, have been spent experimenting on the manufacture of sulphite pulp, and, indeed, some are experimenting still who have not an up-to-date mill; but with well-directed mechanical experience it has been shown that a 30 ton sulphite mill can be erected complete for \$130,000, equipped with Canadian machinery.

To manufacture a ton of sulphite pulp costs \$22; this is for first-class fibre. The selling price in England at present is \$50 per ton, and the freight to British ports about \$5 per ton. Therefore, after making a liberal allowance for losses, &c., the profits should be large enough to satisfy the most exacting investor.

During last summer I was engaged by some companies examining some probable sites for pulp mills, and reported on some others. There is one in my opinion that cannot be excelled on the continent of America. It is located at Sheet Harbor, N. S., and was recently purchased by the Hon. A. R. Dickey, the late Minister of Justice in the Conservative government, who resides at Amherst. Sheet Harbor is situated 70 miles from Halifax, on the Atlantic coast.

It was on the 3rd of February last that I visited Sheet Harbor, at the request of the honorable gentleman, to inspect and make a report on the sulphite pulp mill and property which he had lately purchased. The pulp mill originally cost \$110,000. After thoroughly inspecting the mill, I found that to increase the capacity of the mill from 5 tons to 20 tons, so as to put it on a paying basis, would cost \$60,000, and would require some new and up-to-date machinery, as well as some other slight alterations. I estimated it would require four months' time to make the necessary alterations, and then the mill would make a clear profit of \$80,000 per annum. Mr. Dickey also

personally owns 45,000 acres of the best spruce lands in Nova Scotia, which is adjacent to the mill, and also has a controlling interest in 43,000 acres more on the West river. There are fully 1,500 h.p., water power, on both the East and West rivers at Sheet Harbor, and when you stand and watch the beautiful West river flowing over ledges of rock from a height of 65 feet, until it flows under the bridge at Sheet Harbor and into the sea, and where harbor dues are very low and navigation open all the year round, and where the lowest possible freight rates to the United Kingdom can be obtained, I think that all will agree with me that sulphite pulp can be manufactured on this property at the lowest possible cost. I would advise any capitalist who has money to invest to communicate with the Hon. A. R. Dickey in reference to this valuable property.

Thanking you for the space in your columns.

Yours truly,

THOMAS R. ALLISON.

TESTIMONIAL TO CANADIAN PULP.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the Wochenblatt für Papierfabrikation that he has received from an English paper-maker samples of Canadian mechanical pulp in rolls, and that he finds the quality excellent. The price, he states, is £50 per ton in London, Manchester, etc., and is readily paid. He had the samples thoroughly tested microscopically, and found only a very small proportion of soft yellowish splinters.

Under the microscope a large number of long and thoroughly isolated cells and cell pieces were visible, similar to pine cells in length and thickness. These long cells were embedded in about an equal proportion of fine broken up cells; at first the pulp had the appearance of cellulose. Micro-photos of the Canadian and fine-ground German pulp showed very distinctly that in the latter there were a great many broken cells, splinters and shive, while the Canadian was all long, properly isolated fibres, with soft cloudy dissolved cell fragments. Apart from this examination, he says the good quality of the Canadian pulp is proved by its reputation in England, and the higher price (10 to 14 per cent.) paid for it, although lately its superiority was very much doubted.

He says he does not know whether to attribute it to the hot grinding process without refining, or to a better raw material.

PULP NOTES.

During one month this summer 25,000 tons of pulp were shipped from Montreal to the British market.

It is probable that the Nova Scotia Lumber Co., of Amherst, N.S., will erect a pulp mill in the near future.

Messrs. Mooney, of St. John, N.B., have purchased property at Mispic, where they will probably erect a pulp mill.

The Montague Mills Company, of Megantic, Que., have resumed operations. Their output is for the European market.

A large deputation of pulp manufacturers has requested the Quebec government to reduce the stumpage dues from 40 to 25 cents.

The ground pulp market in Germany is stiffening considerably, as the demand for pulp is on the increase, but, on the other hand, complaints continue that raw wood is getting dearer.

The Royal Paper Mills Company have purchased the saw mill belonging to Mr. Arkley of Sherbrooke, situated at Didswell. It is the intention of the company to have the mills moved to East Angus, Que.

The Acadia Pulp & Paper Co., of Halifax, N. S., have placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., for six 72" wet presses, six 10-plate screens and two centrifugal pumps, for the extension of their mills at Milton, N. S.

The Jenckes Machine Company have just shipped the complete screen and pressing machinery for the pulp company at Sturgeon Falls, Ont., consisting of four 72" set presses, with four 10-plate screens. They furnish the wood barkers for the same mill.

An English exchange remarks: "If the Scandinavian pulp makers continue their suicidal policy of pushing up prices, we have got Canada and Newfoundland to tap for our supplies, and would not be long in getting at them. We are sure of one thing; if Scandinavian prices don't come down, more makers than Albert Reed will arrange for Canadian mills." As to this the New York Paper Mill says: "The significance of these remarks in an English journal is seen when it is remembered that it is only three or four years ago that the first consignment of Canadian pulp reached England, and it was hard work to find purchasers for it."

Pulp Wood, of London, Eng., says: "Mr. W. P. Douglas, a director of the Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co., of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, is at present in this country looking after the interests of his firm. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Lee, of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co., of Chatham, New Brunswick, left Liverpool on the 29th inst., on their return voyage, after a lengthy stay in this country, and Mr. A. G. Jones, of Halifax, representing the Acadia Pulp and Paper Co., also returned recently to Canada after arranging for the disposal of his company's product. It will be seen that the Canadians are leaving no stone unturned to make a market in this country."

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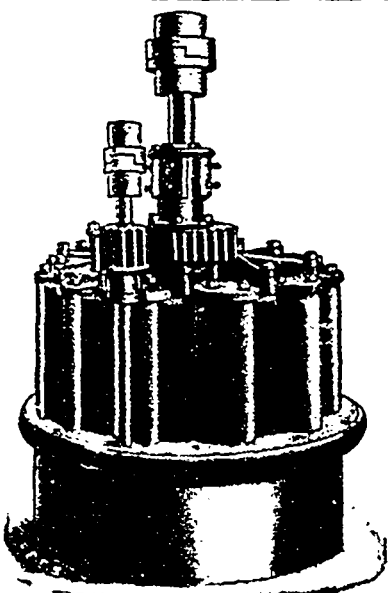
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