

WOOD PULP DEPARTMENT

SCANDINAVIAN VS. CANADIAN PULP.

THE Paper Trade Review, of London, Eng., contains the following with regard to wood pulp:

The Scandinavians are showing a lively interest in the efforts being made to develop the Canadian wood pulp trade. At the present time considerable energy is being displayed, and European capital is likely to be enlisted in extensive undertakings which are being projected. The manufacturing conditions are very favorable for the economical production of chemical wood pulp, and although mechanical has been shipped to Europe, it is evident that success in this direction depends on the prices fixed by Scandinavian manufacturers. During the last few months several heavy cargoes of Canadian pulp have been received, and people interested in the industry are very sanguine of an extensive business being built up with Europe in the course of a year or two. Freightage on moist mechanical has been an impeding element, and consequently Canadian ground wood pulp mills have, in some instances, decided to go into papermaking. This step will make it imperative for other paper mills to put down the latest appliances, and consequently there will later on be a very large output of paper, for which an export market must be found—and no doubt the chief dumping ground will be Great Britain. There are no statistics available to show the imports of trans-Atlantic wood pulp during the present year, but in 1896 the British demand included only 2,714 tons, of the value of £9,370, from Canada, and 847 tons, of the value of £7,266, from the United States.

The Scandinavians, it must be admitted, monopolise the British market, the value of their sup-

plies during 1896 amounting to £1,485,761, or 88 per cent. of the total value of wood pulp (of all kinds) received. The following are the five years' figures relating to British imports of wood pulp:—

FROM NORWAY.			
1896.....	205,677 tons	£894,264	
1895.....	173,898 "	803,731	
1894.....	162,346 "	694,919	
1893.....	125,889 "	538,260	
1892.....	122,215 "	488,156	
FROM SWEDEN.			
1896.....	94,917 tons	£591,497	
1895.....	83,704 "	528,952	
1894.....	51,998 "	344,021	
1893.....	48,049 "	329,190	
1892.....	46,328 "	274,508	

Other countries exporting wood pulp to Great Britain last year were Russia, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, and the Austrian Territories. Their participation, however (including Canada and the United States), was under 12 per cent. of the total value (£1,684,647).

A later issue of the same journal says: There are several Canadian schemes being projected with British capital, and, if such a step was advisable, British papermakers would be prepared to form themselves into a combination and erect extensive chemical and mechanical pulp works, in Canada or elsewhere, from whence to draw their supplies. British papermakers and financiers are following the example set by American manufacturers in acquiring timber lands in Canada. The negotiations now pending include the purchase of an estate about 54 square miles, with 6 miles frontage to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and according to the report of an expert, "the greater part of the seignior is in its virgin state, and is covered with a heavy growth of valuable commercial timber, pine, spruce, birch, etc." American manufacturers admit that they get more pulp per cord from Canadian wood than from the wood of any other country.

Mr. Joseph Leme, manager of the Acadia Pulp Co., Acadia, N.S., was killed in the mills by being caught in the belting.

PULP AND PAPER MAKING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THERE is in British Columbia an abundance of material for pulp and paper making, which, when exploited, should give excellent results. A company has recently been registered in England under the name of the British Columbia Wood Pulp and Paper Co., Limited, with a nominal capital of £65,000, divided into 35,000 7 per cent. preference shares of £1 each, and 30,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. This company proposes to acquire the works of a small paper mill established some years ago at Alberni, on the Sumas River, in the Pacific province. The mill was erected to convert rags into paper, and as material was scarce and expensive, the venture was not overly profitable. That the new company intends to supply the local market with paper is not the most interesting feature of its plans. An expert who has been looking over the ground points out that "there exists in China and Japan a good demand for wood pulp, which, owing to the absence of suitable wood, these countries are unable to manufacture. British Columbia could supply the markets of these countries with pulp and paper as profitably as any country in the world." It is his opinion that the British Columbian mechanical wood pulp can be produced at 22s per ton, or that British Columbian sulphite will cost only £4 per ton. If this estimate be correct, paper making in British Columbia should be a profitable industry.

Mr. L. F. Burroughs, advocate, of Quebec, on behalf of Messrs. P. Garneau Fils & Cie, has been granted a winding-up order against the Cascapedia Pulp and Lumber Co. The latter admit the facts contained in the petition, and Messrs. Paradis and Jobin have been appointed provisional guardians.

It is stated that the Sault Ste. Marie Pulp & Paper Company are making radical changes in their wood pulp mill to fit it for making dry pulp to be sent to foreign markets. All the wet machines in the mill are being fitted with drying cylinders, one 6-foot cylinder to each machine, and dry pulp will be produced to be exported. The mill has been making very little pulp of late on account of these changes.

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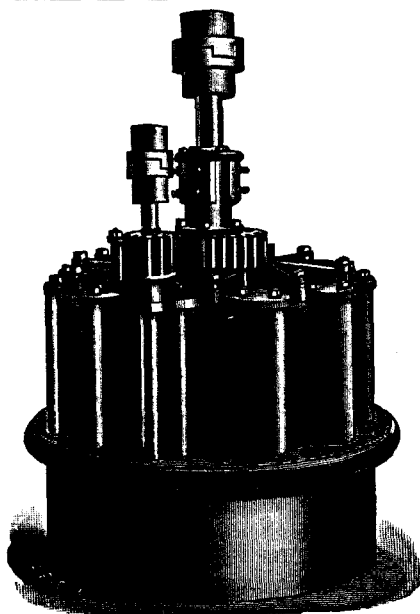
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