

AN ALLEGATION OF DISCRIMINATION.

THE Quebec Board of Trade recently interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier to complain of the alleged discrimination against the port of Quebec by the steamship companies both by high freight and defective service. One of the cases cited in support of their protest was the following :

Some time ago the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Co. had to ship a large lot of pulp to Liverpool. Application for space was made to the Dominion Steamship Co. It refused to carry the pulp at all. Then freight room was spoken for on the Allan line ; but the Allan Co. took no notice of the application. The ocean liners had evidently made up their mind that it was not worth their while to take on pulp at Quebec. This, it was alleged, was a hardship to the manufacturers of the pulp, namely, the St. Raymond Pulp Co. of St. Raymond, which is about 36 miles north of Quebec. As it is unable to get its pulp taken on board at Quebec, the company has to send it by rail to Montreal, 180 miles up the St. Lawrence, and farther away from the Liverpool market. At Montreal, the terminus of their route, the shipping companies are obliging enough to accept the pulp, after the shipper has paid railway freight on it for carrying it 180 miles away from the market he is sending it to. The St. Raymond mill is still shipping to England, handicapped as it is by this action of the shipping companies.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.

Wood Pulp.—A good demand for ground wood continues at \$13 to \$16 f.o.b. at the pulp mill.

Wood Fibre.—Little business doing in foreign sulphite. The domestic article in good demand. Foreign sulphite, bleached, No. 1, 3.25 to 3.30c.; No. 2 soda fibre, bleached, is quoted at 2.90c.; unbleached, No. 1, 2 1/4c.; No. 2, 2c.; domestic sulphite, unbleached, is quoted at 2 to 2 1/4c.; domestic soda, bleached, 1 1/8 to 2c., delivered.

China Clay.—Arrivals have been large upon contracts made some time since. Current orders are small ; very little demand for forward delivery. Quotations somewhat nominal at \$15 to \$17 for higher grades, \$13 to \$14 for medium, and \$10 to \$12.50 for poorer kinds, according to quality and quantity. In domestic, trade is quiet ; prices nominal at \$9 to \$9.50.

TRADE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, November 11, 1897.

The paper trade here is quiet at present. In some lines the demand is large enough, but the prices offered are low, and but little business is being done. On the other hand, business generally seems to be on the mend, and paper makers are in hopes of larger and better business. Prices, of course, can never again reach the average of a few years ago, but an improvement is looked for. The continued low prices are causing the manufacturer to adapt himself to them and employ the latest and most improved methods of manufacture.

A BOOM FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

There is a boom in the pulp industry in Newfoundland. Although the industry is in its infancy, much attention has been directed towards its great resources and geographical advantages. Several large Canadian concerns have recently acquired large blocks of timber lands on the island and express their intention to proceed with the work of development. A limit of

820 square miles situated about 260 miles from St. John's and covered with pine and spruce, formerly owned by the Exploit Wood Co., of London, Eng., has been purchased by capitalists from Amherst, N.S. There are large saw mills upon the property, located at a spot where the largest ocean vessels can lie alongside and take in their cargoes. Pulp mills are to be erected adjoining the saw mills by the new company. Those who know the island say that there is an abundant supply of spruce and pine. An extensive industry in the manufacture of chemical fibre is among the probabilities of the near future, and the owners of the iron mines foresee a brisk demand for their pyrites in the manufacture of the sulphuric acid which will be required.

Mr. P. E. Panneton, of Three Rivers, was in Montreal a few days ago, and, speaking of the Grand Mere pulp mills, said : "The extensive pulp industry at Grand Mere, with the large mill under construction at the same place for the manufacture of the finer qualities of paper, was having a very far-reaching influence upon all the country around, and when it is known that 1,400 hands, 1,000 of whom are heads of families, are here employed constantly, the amount and value of supplies drawn from Montreal and Three Rivers can be easily calculated."

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