

Manufactures of Wood

Statistics have already been given to show the importance of the lumber industry in Canada. A few of the leading manufactures of wood may now be noted.

Wood Pulp—Chief among these is wood pulp, in the production of which about twenty million dollars are at present invested, and this amount is continually increasing. The superior quality of Canadian spruce, its unlimited quantity, and the abundant supply of water power all combine to make Canada one of the best equipped countries in the world for the manufacture of this article. The exports last year reached the sum of \$1,983,246.

Paper—Closely associated with the manufacture of wood pulp is that of paper. Up to the present time almost the entire output of Canadian paper mills has been required for home consumption; but with the greatly increased production of wood pulp the manufacture of paper has also rapidly advanced and paper is beginning to figure prominently in the list of exports. With the help of capital and skilled labor Canada is bound to become one of the most extensive producers of paper and paper wares in their many forms, such as envelopes and the various kinds of commercial and legal stationery.

Furniture—The manufacture of furniture is now being carried on in Canada on a large scale. The wants of different countries are being studied and highly skilled workmen employed to produce the styles in demand. A large foreign trade is sure to develop as this is an industry peculiarly well adapted to Canada owing to the value and variety of the woods available for raw material.