

## PULP NOTES.

THE Transvaal Government has granted a concession to C. A. Lageson for the establishment of a paper mill. The mill is to be in operation by the end of March, 1900, and the product is to be sold at a price not higher than the prevailing rates in the South African republic. The quality of the product is to be approved by the Government. The Government, on its part, is to bind itself to request the Volksraad to impose a special protective duty of  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. on the value of the articles which the mill can produce, and three years after the mill is in operation the Government may claim 10 per cent. of the net profits of the business.

The Rumford Falls mill is receiving about 600 cords of pulp wood per day from Canada.

The Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Paper Co. has exported over 10,000 tons of pulp to the United States since October 1.

The promoters of the project for erecting a large pulp mill at Baie St. Paul, Que., are meeting with gratifying encouragement.

The temporary dam on the Jacques Cartier river gave way the other day, necessitating the stoppage of the work until next Spring.

It is reported that Messrs. Jules Spiro and Arthur Hillyard, of New York, are negotiating with capitalists in St. John, N.B., for the erection of a pulp mill on Navy Island.

H. W. Wagon, manager of the Dominion Pulp Co., Chatham, N.B., has closed with a Canadian firm for what will be one of the largest digesters ever made in Canada.

The shipment of 1,000 tons of pulp, recently made by the Chicoutimi Pulp Co., by the steamer Gloriana from Quebec, is said to be the largest ever made from a Canadian port.

The Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co., of Chatham, N.B., has ordered a new 500 horse-power, compound, condensing engine, to replace their 250 horse-power engine. The larger engine is required to operate the enlarged mill which it is proposed to erect.

The Canada Paper Company has, by the addition of the St. Francis mill to the Springdale and Windsor mills, brought its daily capacity to about double what it was two years ago. The latest addition cost about \$250,000 and has a daily output of 25 tons.

The work of repairing the damage done to the Lincoln mills, at Merriton, by the recent cyclone, has been pushed with great rapidity, and the mills are now again in full running order. J. Kelly, formerly with the Reading Paper Co., is now the superintendent.

The Eddy Co., of Hull, have recently installed a splendid machine, 153 feet in length, and having no less than thirty 120-inch driers. The machine, which will produce about 20 tons of paper per day, is operated by a 120 horse-power engine.

The Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co. recently shipped \$40,000 worth of pulp, by the ss. Tiber, for England. Four hundred tons were shipped from Halifax, the Intercolonial railway having underbid the C.P.R. and Canada Eastern, via St. John, N.B.

The report that the Quebec Government contemplated placing a stumpage tax of \$4 per cord upon all pulp wood cut in the Province, with a proviso that \$3 or \$3.50 of that sum be rebated on all the wood manufactured into pulp in the Province, which

would be a virtual prohibition of the export of pulp wood, and be ruinous to those mills which are depending upon the Quebec forests for their raw material, is incorrect. Hon. Mr. Parent, Commissioner of Lands and Forests, has denied that the Government has any such intention.

The Vancouver, B.C., World points out that there is wide scope in British Columbia for the development of the pulp and paper industry and adds that it is only a matter of time before there will be large mills in the Province.

The Fredericton (N.B.) Gleaner says that pulp works will be established there next year on such a scale as to exceed the output of the Chatham and St. John mills combined. Paper mills also will be built to convert this pulp into paper on the spot.

The European Exporters' Association, of Toronto, Limited, of which Sir W. P. Howland is president, and Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. G. W. Ross, vice-presidents, is taking an active interest in the proposed new pulp mill at Parrsboro', N.S.

A sample shipment of three carloads of pulp from the pulp mill which The Reid Company has erected at Exploits Bay, Newfoundland, was recently landed at Sydney, N.S., en route for Quebec, where it is to be tested. If the result of the test is satisfactory The Reid Company will proceed with the erection of a large mill at Exploits Bay.

The arbitrators between the Laurentide Pulp Co. and the Province of Quebec, regarding the water-power at Grand Mere, have awarded to the Province an annual payment of \$3,000 for the use of the adjacent islands and water-power. The company, in return, gets all the rights and privileges perpetually.

The advance in prices of spruce lumber within the past six weeks has been from 50c. to \$1 per M. The manufacturers complain that they get little benefit from this advance, as freights have also advanced 25 to 50c. per M. It is thought by some lumber manufacturers that spruce will sell at as high prices next Spring, while others look for a substantial further advance.—Bangor Commercial.

George Taylor, of Toronto, has been at Quebec in connection with the purchase of 76 miles of timber limits on the Manitou river, some distance below Seven Islands, on the north coast. The river, in some parts, is 400 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and there is a perpendicular waterfall of 112 feet, of an estimated 100,000 horse-power. Mr. Taylor intends to establish a large pulp mill at this point.

An amicable arrangement has at last been arrived at between the proprietors of the Cushing mill at St. John, N.B., and the common council in reference to the water supply of the mill. While the council do not bind themselves to give the mill 2,000,000 gallons of water, they agree to give them all that is not required for a domestic supply, which, at the present rate of consumption, will be considerably in excess of that amount.

The pulp mills at Val Morin, Que., which recently passed into the hands of an American syndicate, were destroyed by fire the other day. The loss was \$30,000, one-half of which was covered by insurance. It is said that the purchase price was \$50,000, including the limit, and the new owners were on the point of spending \$15,000 more for machinery and buildings, when the fire took place. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

Charles J. Loring, of Lawrence Falls, Me., who was employed by the Board of Trade, of Woodstock, N.B., to make a report on the chance of a pulp mill being successful at that