The Pulp and Paper Industry

Riordon Gets Ottawa Valley Properties

A transaction has just been announced by which the businesses of W. C. Edwards Company, the the Gilmour and Hughson Company of Ottawa, will be consolidated. While the complete details are not yet available, it is understood that the Ottawa Valley properties will be merged for development purposes with the properties of the Riordon Pulp and Paper Company. The new arrangements will include the Riordon subsidiaries, Kipawa Company, Limited and the Ticonderoga pulp & Paper Co., the large timber limits and 50,000 horse power of undeveloped water power, originally belonging to the Bronson Company on the Quine River. I. W. Gillam, head of the Royal Securities Corporation is mentioned as having having arranged the transaction.

The W. C. Edwards and the Gilmour & Hughson properties are among the largest in the Ottawa River Valley and comprises several saw mills at Ottawa and Rockland, and most extensive timber holding approximately 8,000 square miles of limits, mostly located on the Gatineau River, with an undeveloped water-power of 50,000 horse power at Chelsea, Que., and smaller undeveloped water power on the Nation River.

The consolidated business will have approxi-

mately 12,000 square miles of timber limits, containing about 25,000,000 cords of pulp wood, 1,200,000,000 feet of standing pine, over 150,000 horse power of water power, developed and undeveloped, a pulp and paper output of approximately 150,000 tons per annum, and an annual pine lumber output of approximately 125,000,000 feet board measures.

As far as is known, these properties represent the largest available supply of pulp wood under one control and one of the most valuable remaining holdings of white pine in the world.

A feature of the new consolidation, of importance from the standpoint of the necessity for the development by Canadians of their own national resources and manufacturing facilities, is the fact that it will be owned and controlled in Canada by Canadian interests, and financed, for the most part, by Canadian capital.

It is expected that further announcement in connection with the new merger will shortly be forthcoming. The Royal Securities Corporation, it is understood, will carry out the financing of the new project which may be presumed to involve the offering in the investment market of some of the securities out of the merger. The merger will be capitalized at \$60,000,000, it is stated.

Trees on the Prairies.

It was in 1901 that the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior began to send out trees to the farmers in the prairie provinces to plant shelter-belts about their buildings and fields. Since that time over fifty million seedings and cuttings have been sent out from the Dominion Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head,, and the branch nursery recently established near Saskatoon. The success of this plan of free distribution of trees is shown not only in the increasing use made of it by farmers of the prairie provinces, but also by the fact that this system of tree distribution has been copied either as it stands or in a modified form by other important administrative bodies. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec, although their conditions are very different from those of the prairie provinces, have applied the plan in a modified form to farmers' woodlots. The United States Department of Agriculture, after a careful study of the system in Canada, applied it to the prairie states. At present several thousand farmers in the Canadian West are receiving trees annually, and this number will doubtless now be increased seeing that the war is over, and the farmers have more

The Canada Side Car Welding and Manufacturing Company, capitalized at \$100,000, has been formed at Hamilton. Ont., and will build a plant for the manufacture of motor cycles, accessories,

A. C. MacIntosh, President of Fibre Cases, Ltd., Vancouver was in Winnipeg recently, with the object of establishing a wood fibre box factory in that city. The exclusive selling rights between Fort Arthur and the Pacific Coast have been secured for these patent composition boxes, which are now made by another company in the east known as Fibre Boxes, Limited. Fibre Cases, Ltd., is a new company which was organized a month ago, consisting of Winnipeg, Vancouver and Toronto capitalists. It is expected that the new industry, when it starts in Winnipeg, will employ about thirty hands.

More than 400 men will be employed in the irrigation project between Vasgeaux Lake and Osoyoos in British Columbia by midsummer according to the lastest reports. The system is being put in for soldier settlement land, and the main ditch, which is being concreted, will be completed this month.

The Veterans Product Company has been organized and will establish a plant on the Fraser River for the commercial utilization of hair seals. The creation of this company is a result of the campaign of the Dominion Fisheries department to reduce the number of seals on the Fraser flats. The company plans to obtain hides, extract oil from the carcases and utilize various by-products.

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