

course the Ministry of External Economic Relations needs cooperation, but what the country needs - foreign currency - has somehow been overlooked.

How will they go about building a new combine with a foreign exports orientation? They will begin by establishing a source for the raw materials and the sawmills. When they acquire the capacity, using the funds earned from lumber exports they will build the pulp mill, at which, as the earnings are received, the paper-manufacturing equipment will be installed. In other words, money (capital investments) will begin to make money (foreign currency) right away. But when our last major complex was built at Ust'-Ilimsk, the capacities for 1,200,000 cubic metres of lumber that were embodied in the plan were practically forgotten. More than five years elapsed after the start-up of the digesters, or more than ten years if calculated from the beginning of construction, before lumber began to be exported from Ust'-Ilimsk in noticeable quantities. Prior to this, superior Angara saw timber was either being sold cheaply as unfinished merchandise, or cut to size, insofar as possible, in the logging enterprises. Alternatively, and we have to own up this, it was made into chips and sent for cooking. But the pulping equipment for this plant, purchased in capitalist countries, could have been paid for with the same lumber, virtually by the time the equipment was fully operative. Even at the currently inadequate level of lumber deliveries from this complex, no more than five to six years would have sufficed to settle accounts with capitalist firms for the pulp mill, but it took no less than ten years to build it.

In order to rectify the timber exports situation, the first thing we need to do is to