

# AMONG THE COMPANIES

## AN EXPANDING INDUSTRY.

### Canada's Paper Production to Increase 1,000 Tons.

For some months the Pulp and Paper Magazine has been informing its readers that the pulp and paper industry on this continent and especially in Canada was on the eve of the biggest boom in its history. In a measure it is wrong to characterize the present activity and expansion taking place in the industry as a boom. It is rather the natural, healthy and legitimate expansion of an industry that is based upon sound economic conditions. Canada possesses the water power, the timber resources, the labor and shipping facilities and every other factor making for the economic manufacture of pulp and paper. It is only natural, therefore, that there should be a healthy expansion of the industry in the Dominion.

Doubtless this healthy expansion has been accelerated by the unsettled conditions arising out of the war. Supplies formerly secured in the world's markets from Germany, Norway, Sweden and other countries have been cut off, and buyers have turned to Canada and the United States to supply their needs. The result is that there has been a speeding up of the present mills in Canada to capacity, a large increase in our exports, and many plans made for the building of new mills and extensions to existing plants.

Some of the more important extensions now being planned in Canada are the following:—

Price Brothers and Company, Limited, have just sold five hundred thousand dollars of six per cent notes and will use the proceeds in completing extensions to their plant, so as to increase their output of sulphite, groundwood-pulp and news-print. The groundwood-pulp will be increased to fifty-five thousand tons a year, the sulphite pulp to twenty-five thousand tons, while the news-print will be increased to sixty-two thousand tons, as a result of the extensions to be made in the company's plant. In the past three years Price Brothers Company have expended three hundred and sixty thousand dollars on the Shippaw Falls development. The issue of the notes will be a first mortgage on the power development of the Shippaw Power Company. The additions of the pulp-making plant will be completed and the mills in operation by the first of October, 1916, while the new paper unit will be in operation by the first of February, 1917.

International Paper Company of New York announces that they have completed plans for a new two-hundred tons news-print mill, which will be erected somewhere in Canada. The mill will produce news-print, paper, groundwood-pulp and sulphite pulp. The Company have not announced the exact location of their plant, but the very fact that the largest paper mill in the United States is coming to Canada, is highly significant. It is probable that Batiscan will be chosen as the site.

Laurentide Company, Limited, is doubling the capacity of its plant and will ultimately bring its production of news up to four hundred tons daily. The power development which is taking place by this Company, places it in an extremely favorable position, as they have now sufficient power, not only for their own future requirements, but a surplus for export.

The Union Bag and Paper Company is constructing a news-print mill at Three Rivers, with a capacity of one hundred tons per day.

The Belgo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Company recently installed a news machine, which was one of the largest in the country.

The Donnacona Paper Company, Limited, of Donnacona, Que., is installing a new paper machine, which will increase its output by fifty tons per day.

The Ontario Paper Company, Limited, of Thorold, is installing a news machine of sixty tons capacity, which will be in operation by the first of November. This will bring the total output of news from this mill to approximately one hundred and eighty tons per day.

The Abitibi Power and Paper Company are making plans to double their power developments, and it is understood that as soon as it is complete, the capacity of their mill will be increased by the installation of two 235 inch paper machines, the largest in the world.

Ha Ha Baie Sulphite Company have completed plans for the installation of a sulphite mill at Bagot-

ville, Que., and will probably build a news-print mill in connection with the new plant.

The Riordon Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, at Merritton, are expending three hundred thousand dollars on enlargements and improvements to their plants, while at Hawkesbury, the same Company have just completed extensions which have brought production up from ninety to one hundred and eighty tons per day. The Company recently purchased the Foster Saw Mill at Haileybury, Ont.

These are the main improvements and extensions of plants by the paper makers in Canada, but by no means constitute the whole programme. In a letter received from a consulting engineer by the editor of the Pulp and Paper Magazine this week, the following extract is significant:

"Prospective pulp and paper industries are like the sands of the sea and United States capital is simply tumbling our way. My slate is so full that I cannot handle half the calls that I get."

Canada is undoubtedly on the eve of a remarkable expansion of her Pulp and Paper industry.

## CANADA STEAMSHIP LINES.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Steamships Lines, Limited, has been called for July 27th, for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, ratifying the purchase of the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steam Navigation Company. The St. Lawrence and Chicago shares were brought out on a basis of \$185 a share and at the time the offer was made to Osler and Hammond, in Toronto, it was generally known that the offer came from interests at the head of the Canada Steamships Lines, Limited. The offer was not made direct on behalf of the Canada Steamships Lines itself, but the special meeting now being called, indicates that in the deal the officials of the company were simply acting for the company itself.

The purchase gives the Canada Steamship Lines an additional number of freighters. At the time that the Canada Steamship consolidation was originally outlined it was intended that the St. Lawrence and Chicago should have been included in it, but the terms insisted upon at the time made it impossible to carry the deal through. The principal owners of the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steam Navigation Company were Hon. E. B. Osler, W. D. Matthews, Toronto; and James Carruthers, Montreal.

## KAMINISTQUIA POWER COMPANY.

An increase from 6 to 7 per cent per annum in the dividend of the Kaministiquia Power Company, Limited, was announced last week. The progress of this company in the matter of earnings has been extremely favorable. In 1910 shareholders received 2½ per cent, 3 per cent in 1911, 4 per cent in 1912, 5 per cent in 1913, and 6 per cent in 1914. War conditions called for caution and the progressive dividend policy halted last year. The 1915 statement, however, showed continued expansion in earnings, profits available for distribution representing 9.3 per cent on the stock against 8.4 per cent the previous year. As the business of the company has continued to grow, the directors have evidently decided that there was no good reason why a large distribution to shareholders should be withheld any longer.

## ONTARIO STEEL PRODUCTS.

At a meeting of the directors of the Ontario Steel Products Company, Limited, last week, a quarterly preferred dividend of 1½ per cent was announced. Dividend payments on this stock, which were suspended between the Autumn of 1914 and the spring of 1915, were resumed with a 1 per cent quarterly payment in May a year ago, and this is now raised to the regular rate of 1½ per cent, with the declaration for the final quarter of the company's fiscal year, which ended June 30th last. The action of the board presumes continuity in that rate and payments on deferred account as the company's position permits.

## NEW COMPANIES.

The following companies have taken out federal charters during the past week: Petrolea Land and Investment Co., Limited, \$300,000; Desrochers, Limited, \$25,000, and Semards, Limited, \$30,000, all of Montreal; Canadian Gasoline Corporation, Limited, \$3,000,000, and Louis K. Liggett Co., Limited, \$300,000, Toronto; La Compagnie D'Automobiles Agricoles, Bruneau, Limited, \$100,000, Danville, Que.; Deloro Smelting and Refining Co., Limited, \$1,500,000, Deloro, Ont.; The Norlite Realty Co., Limited, \$100,000, and the Ottawa Paint Works, Limited, \$250,000, both of Ottawa; the Victor Gauny Co., Limited, \$25,000, Quebec.

## WEEK'S RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Gross earnings of the three large Canadian railroads for the week ending July 14th amounted to \$4,824,293, an increase of \$1,749,964, or 56.9 per cent over the corresponding period last year, and of 29.3 per cent over the corresponding period in 1914. Earnings are now running on a level with earnings realized at the height of the big crop movement of last autumn, when the traffic resources of the country were taxed to the utmost by the record breaking harvest in the West.

The chief factors in the rising returns of the companies continue to be the large balance of grain carried over from last autumn, and now moving steadily forward to seaboard, continued activity in the munitions industry and a larger movement of general merchandise consequent on current prosperity. The slack conditions to be expected in midsummer are being replaced by a quite unusual volume of business.

Earnings for the second week of July, with comparisons with a year ago, are tabulated below:

Company.	Earnings.	Increase.	P.C.
C.P.R. . . . .	\$2,738,000	\$1,103,000	67.4
G.T.R. . . . .	1,211,393	221,764	22.4
C.N.R. . . . .	874,900	425,200	94.7
Totals . . . . .	\$4,824,293	\$1,749,964	56.9

## ADDITIONAL HOLLINGER DIRECTORS.

At the special general meeting of the shareholders of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines to be held in Toronto on July 28, it is announced that it will be decided to increase the number of directors from five to seven, to authorize the holding of meetings at places other than at the head office and to create the office of managing director, four to constitute a quorum of the board, thereafter.

The general manager has expressed the opinion that the daily milling capacity will be increased to 1,900 tons in the near future.

On the 263,356 tons milled between January 1 and June 16 the profits were \$1,261,900, or \$4.91 per ton. The average grade of the ore milled was \$8.80. It is thought the management was marking time until the immediate mill enlargements are completed. Moreover, 25 cents per ton was devoted to Patriotic Fund Reserve, War Tax Reserve, and the Loyal Service Bonus.

## PORTO RICO EARNINGS.

The following is a comparative statement of earnings of the Porto Rico Railways Company, Limited, for the month of June, and the six months ending June last:

For June:	1916.	1915.	Inc'se
Gross . . . . .	\$59,784.53	\$71,447.53	19.51
Net . . . . .	27,681.77	36,497.49	31.85
For six months:			
Gross . . . . .	\$382,706.65	\$431,971.67	12.87
Net . . . . .	181,420.39	223,426.70	23.15

## CONIAGAS DIVIDEND.

Directors of Coniagas Mines have declared a dividend of 5 per cent, payable August 1, calling for a disbursement of \$200,000. This follows a similar dividend on February 1, making in all 10 per cent, or \$400,000 for the year up to August 1. The company has paid as high as 43 per cent a year, reaching that total in 1913.

When the August dividend is paid the company's total payments to shareholders will amount to \$8,240,000, or more than double the \$4,000,000 capital.