## A UNITED STATES VIEW.

THE Paper Trade Journal of a recent date says : "An export duty on Canadian spruce pulp wood is something which our paper and pulp makers may expect in the near future. The Dominion authorities are turning the matter over in their minds for the purpose of educing sound reasons for introducing such a measure. Viewing the matter candidly, it cannot be said that such a course would be unfair. Canada has a steady market for her spruce, to be sure, but she might have pulp mills of her own, and convert her raw material into a marketable product, which would be immensely more profitable than the selling of the cordwood. This is, no doubt, the purpose which an export bounty would be expected to serve. Yet there is no good reason why the pulp making industry should not now, under present conditions, be growing rapidly and building up a good export trade. A limited home market is something of a handicap to enterprise, certainly, and with this Canada has to contend ; but nothing seems to be more certain than that with such great stores of raw material she might make a far better showing than she has yet done in the pulp and lumber export trade. Until her own people exhibit greater activity and push it is hardly worth while to complain of such qualities in her neighbors. As for the export tax, it may help Canada a little, but it will not hinder American pulp makers."

# A MAN FROM THE "SOO."

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Mr. J. H. Meir, one of Sault Ste. Marie's merchants, has been making one of his periodical trips to Toronto and Hamilton. I ran against him in the "Ambitious City" the other day, and had a pleasant five minutes' chat with him. When I touched upon the water-power at the "Soo" he became enthusiastic.

"It is the grandest water-power on the face of the earth;" he declared, with emphasis; "it is ahead of Niagara. Ves, the outlook is getting brighter for the 'Soo.' We have a developed water-power of 20,000 horse-power. The pulp mill is almost completed. The building is of stone and four storeys high. The promoters have put in something like 20 water-wheels. There are 10 or 12 pulp grinders, and it is expected that 20 carloads of pulp per day will be turned out. And then they are going to build a large paper mill, which will, it is claimed, be the largest of its kind in the world. England will practically be the market for this pulp. During the month of July, the company paid out for machinery, labor, etc., \$100,000."

#### ITS TWENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

On Saturday, August 24, J. C. Wilson & Co., paper manufacturers, of Montreal and Lachute, Que., celebrated the 25th anniversary of the firm's existence. Mr. J. C. Wilson provided a special train to take all the hands employed in the city to Lachute, where they were met by the mill hands, and an afternoon of pleasant enjoyment was spent on the Argenteuil Exhibition grounds.

A first-class orchestra accompanied the excursion from Montreal, and provided music for a lengthy programme of dances. The sports were started at 1.30 p.m. with a tug-of war between the city employes and the mill hands, the country boys winning the first two pulls with case. In the course of the afternoon Prof. J. E. Holland made two very successful balloon ascensions, and a lacrosse match was played between the Montreal and Lachute contingents, the former winning by four straight games.

In the evening a display of fireworks was made at the mills, and the prizes in the various athletic contests of the day were awarded.

#### WORK AT WINDSOR MILLS.

The work being done by the Canada Paper Co. at Windsor Mills, Que., is quite extensive. A writer in The Windsor Times says that on the east side of the river an immense flume is under construction, being blasted out of the solid rock. A piece of dam has been built up the centre of and parallel to the

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