

September 21, 1927.

Honourable James A. Robb,  
Minister of Finance,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Robb:-

Sir Arthur has asked me to write you regarding the history of our Pulp and Paper Building the corner stone of which you are to lay on October 13th.

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has for some time been interested in the possibilities of research, and a brief account of the work carried on up to this year is given in a booklet published to explain the present scheme. "The members have long realized that in respect to scientific research into the problems of forestry, cellulose chemistry, thermodynamics and the like their interests were practically identical. From its foundation the Association has always taken an active interest in such research, and the Technical Section, formed in 1913, has done a great deal to encourage and forward it. It was not, however, until 1924 that definite steps were taken to establish research as one of the Association's major activities, when a committee under Col. C.H.L. Jones of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills Limited was appointed to inquire into certain proposals regarding the Forest Products Laboratories. In 1924 this committee reported in favour of a co-operative arrangement between the Association and the Dominion Government for the control of the Pulp and Paper Division of the Laboratories for five years at an expense to the Association of \$20,000. for the first year and not less than that amount for each succeeding year. This report was adopted and at the same time