

Pulp and Paper.

The fact that Commissioner Matthews is preparing figures on the pulp and paper industry and is getting expert testimony on the spruce product and its possible exhaustion in time, has brought the different papers in the state to interview some of the leading lights in the pulp and paper procession.

President Chisholm of the great Rumford Falls and Jay concerns, as well as Senator Jones, have been interviewed of late and they scorn the idea of anything happening to the spruce. They go on to show that they are using less spruce than the saw mills and that it is not possible for years innumerable to exhaust Maine's spruce supply.

Commissioner Matthews told the Kennebec Journal Wednesday that he was glad to have all these points brought out, as he wishes to give an unbiased report on the subject.

"In relation to the amount used as compared with the saw mills I must say that I do not take much stock in that on account of the fact that the pulp mills cuts so much smaller," said Mr. Matthews. "The saw mills take nothing but the large sticks while the pulp mills will take anything that is spruce, and thus, comparatively, they clear greater tracts of land and spoil the growth of much more than the saw mills. I am glad, however, to see all the points brought out as it will assist in getting up a valuable report on the subject."

Boats for Tobique.

Fredricton Gleaner:—J. J. Moore, the Phoenix Square boat builder, has just about completed two hunting canoes for Tobique parties. They are 16 feet long, lapstreak canoes, built especially for the hard usage which a canoe receives in navigating the shoals and rocks of Upper Tobique waters, and having a new feature of Mr. Moore's designing—a false bottom of of hard wood which can be replaced when worn and the boats will be as good as new. Mr. Moore will begin on Monday upon two other boats of similar character, but of larger size, also for Tobique.

The "Holy Ghost and Us" representatives have struck Littleton and are raising havoc among the good people of that town. They hold their meetings under a tent which is crowded at each service, with men and women who seem to be carried away by the new religions belief. One widow, to whom there was left considerable property, has given it all over to those who are promulgating the new faith. Young and prosperous farmers have been so worked upon that they have slaughtered all their hogs and burned the meat as it is against the teachings of the new doctrine to have them about as they are considered to contain the devil. Some of the cool headed citizens who have attended the meetings are alarmed at the state of affairs the new teachings are causing among their townsmen.—Times.

Havana Tobacco Is Scarce.

There is danger of an early famine of Cuban tobacco, according to a dealer and maker of cigars who talked to a Commercial reporter on Thursday, the present supply of Havana tobacco can't last much longer. It will take at least a couple of years, so experts say, before another crop can be obtained from the devastated island and until that time manufacturers will have to use what they have on hand or some substitute.

At present genuine Havana tobacco costs good money and the price is going up steadily. As yet there has been

no material advance in the price of cigars, although one or two dealers have put the cost of their goods to retail dealers a little higher.

Conscience Money.

Deputy Collector of Customs, W. F. Jenks, was the recipient of the following communication, this week, from a man is the province whose conscience troubled him:

My Dear Sir:—Having been in your town about a year ago or more I bought a pair of 75 cent rubbers and at the time residing in Woodstock I feel that to be clear before God I must send you the duty. May God bless you as he has me is my prayer. Enclosed find 20 cents. Yours.—Mr. Jenks informs us that there is a conscience fund at Washington which has been built from cases like the above. But a very few men are afflicted with the same disease as the writer of the above.—Houlton Times.

United States Commissioner William A. Jones makes the interesting statement that "a full-blooded Indian lunatic never lived." After inspecting the site recently purchased by the government for an Indian Insane Asylum in the Indian Territory, he says, "The occupants of the hospital which will soon be opened will all be mixed breeds. Probably there never was a case of insanity in any tribe until the malady was introduced by mixing with the whites."

A New York lawyer recently made a trip from New York to Boston by trolley. The trip took twenty-nine hours, exclusive of stops. Two hundred and five miles were covered by trolley and fifty-two by trains hauled by steam locomotives. Thirty different lines were passed over. The country is now being gridironed with such an extensive series of trolleys that it is possible to take long journeys with comfort at minimum expense. There is no smoke, but little dust, and the transportation charges are usually much less than on steam roads. Speed is also reduced, so that the country can be well observed. All the northern part of Italy is covered with a network of steam tramway lines, many of which have now been converted to electric roads. Milan is the center of this system. It is possible to go from that city enormous distances by the "vapore," and it furnishes an ideal means for seeing the country.

The kissing bug may be identified by the fact that it has no eyes. At least, since a certain girl claims that one of the bugs kissed her, it has been decided that the bug must be blind.

Ira A. Willard, of the Hotel Perth, Perth Centre, N. B., is about to turn his house over to Mayberry and Rogers and he will go to Van Buren and conduct a hotel. It is said that F. A. Howard of the Commercial hotel at Grand Falls is looking for a purchaser or a lessor, with a view of possibly going out of the business on account of the ill health of his wife who now is in the hospital.

A Maine farmer says he no longer fears a drought, since he was wise enough to plant onions with his potatoes. "The onion," he says, "drew tears from the eyes of the potatoes, which water the land."

An enterprising cat, owned by Niven C. Kalloch of Warren, recently gave birth to a kitten with three eyes, two noses and two mouths. Forming a trust of the senses proved too much for the feline and it died within three days. Mr. Kalloch has mounted the freak and added it to an interesting collection of mounted birds which he possesses.

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