Threaten 10 Per Cent Duty on Pulp From Here

U. S. Senate Committee Assures Pulp Manufacturers That Legislation Will be Passed—Looks Like Another Big Stick—Canada Might Impose an Export Duty on Pulp Wood.

(Financial Post.)

Montreal, March 25—A wire received by a leading pulp dealer here states that the Senate Finance Committee in session at Washington has given a definite assurance to sulphite pulp manufacturers of the United States that impending tariff legislation will provide a duty of ten per cent. on all imports into the United States of every kind of wood pulp. This assurance, it is declared, was made in the face of opposition from newspaper publishers and mill men who are dependent ordinarily on Canadian or other groundwood and sulphite pulp for their converting mills. For a duty of this nature would leave them practically at the mercy of the United States pulp manufacturers.

If legislation of this character was passed at Washington it undoubtedly would be a severe blow to the pulp industry of Canada which is dependent to a great extent on the United States market. There is a disposition, however, among the mill men here, and exporters generally, to regard this threat as one more move to secure that great prize of the United States pulp and paper men, the removal of the restrictions placed by provincial authorities in Canada on the export of pulpwood cut on Crown lands.

It will be recalled that a movement was begun a couple of years ago, and continued last year to prohibit the export to Canada of coal, sulphur and other raw materials unless there was the fullest freedom of export of Canadian pulpwood, but President Wilson vetoed the first and the latter died in course of time. The new movement is a rather subtle one, it is felt, a sort of bargaining measure to be "put up to" Canada. For the obvious subsequent step would be to put a tax on newsprint entering the United States and thus afford the complete measure of protection for the pulp and paper men of the States. There is a feeling here, however, that the newspaper publishers will make their influence felt to the extent of defeating the measure, as Canadian pulp is required for newpsrint in the States, as well as to continue the keener competion afforded by the entry of Canadian newsprint.

Scandinavians Real Competitors.

Surprise is expressed in the trade here that recourse was not had to the anti-dumping legislation, for the real competitors of the United States pulp makers are the foreign mills, of the Scandinavian countries chiefly, rather than the Canadian. Foreign pulp and paper can be laid down at prices that United States mills cannot touch. This is due partly to the depreciation of Exchange in the European countries, and also to the fact that many of the mills are bankrupt and the banks are still forcing liquidation of stocks. Even with a ten per cent. duty imposed, the Scandinavian mills could send pulp into the United States, absorb this duty and undersell the domestic and Canadian mills. The Canadian mills could not do this, for their production costs are as low at present as they can get, and are practically on a level with those of the United States mills.

The importance of the United States market for Canadian pulp is seen by the figures of the Trade and Commerce Department at Ottawa of reports for the ten months ending Jan 31, 1922. These amounted to $21,542,000 but the previous year's total (11 months) was over double $54,837,082. The normal average would lie between the two, representing a very substantial total.

Pulp Exports.

11 mos. end. Jan. 31	1922	1921
Sulphate (kraft)	$6,287,736	$10.977,585
Bleached sul. ...	5,802,483	11,811,119
Unbleached sul .	5,551,994	20,813,457
Groundwood	3,900,267	11,234,921
Total	$21,542,090	$54,837,082

Whether the threatened tax is intended merely as a means to an end, or is the end itself, the Canadian Government ought to take up consideration of the question at once, for if the tax does slip through, as the Foreign tariff against wheat, flour, etc., did, the result will be very damaging to the Canadian mills. One step open to the Canadian Government would be to impose an export duty on all Canadian pulpwood, that is the exportable balance cut on private lands the Crown lands wood being restricted from export. This might be ten per cent. or more, a compensating duty. A large portion of the United States pulp as well as paper mills are dependent on Canadian wood, and the Canadian tax might well dampen the ardor of the pulp men across the border, leaving the Canadian Government in the position of wiping out this tax if the ten per cent. duty were struck from the Customs list.

For the ten months ended Jan. 31, 1922, the exports of pulpwood from Canada were 630,540 cords, equal to about 420,000 tons of paper when manufactured. The value set down for this was $7,926,536, or about $12.50 a cord. The year before the exports were 1,243,112 cords, equal to 800,000 tons of paper.

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(New York Sun.)

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Franklin went to Boston carring all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm.

The alimentary canal is in the north ern part of India.

Dew is causel by the sweating of the earth.

Hardships suffered by the Southern ers after the civil war: The wifes of aristocrats and of genle birth patient ly made their husbands' trousers out of their own.

The hair keeps things rrom getting into the brain.

The nails would get very long if we did not bite them of occasionally.

Gender shows whether a max is mas culine, feminine or neuter.

The three heavenly bodies are the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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GOOD SHOW AT GAIETY

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Two brothers love the same girl, Gypsey, One of the brothers kills a max. The other brother is taken by the police and put on trial. How and by what circumstance, the actual killer comes forward at a timely mom ent, and how Gypsy gets clear of the accusation of being a "stool pigeon," this is old material in the way of plot. Griffith, however, thrusts it forward into a series of surprises, from climax to climax.

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HEADS THAT ACHE AND PAIN

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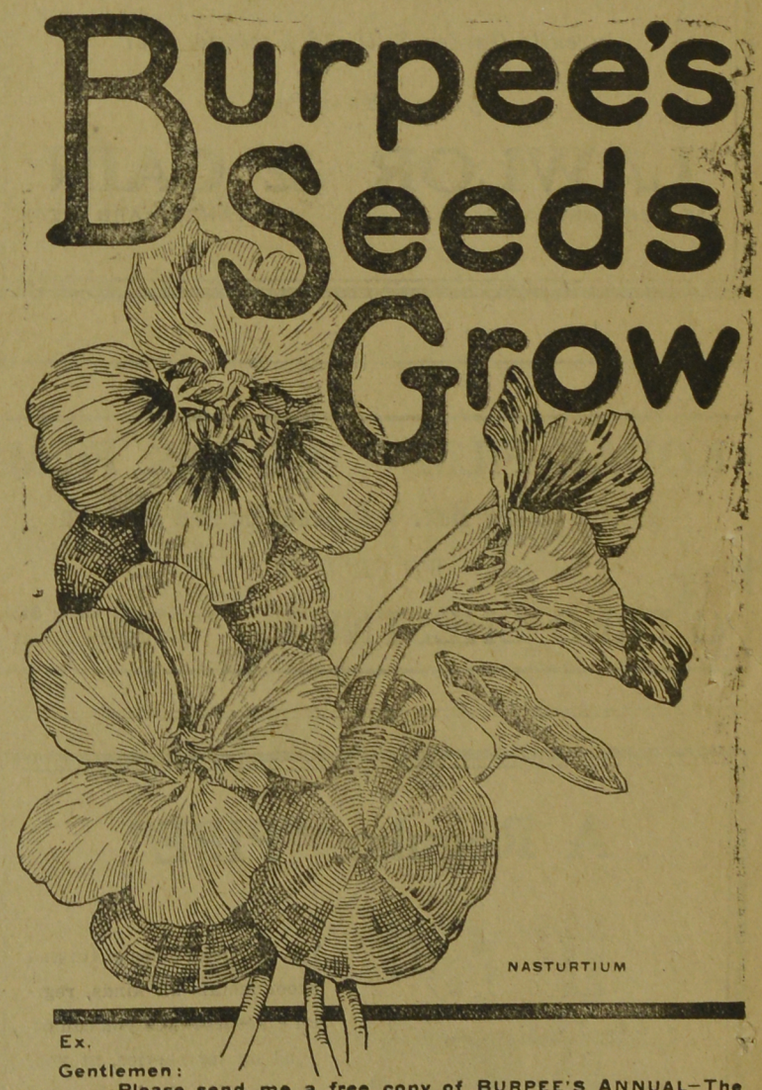
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