

New Pulp and Paper Industry at Kapuskasing

The Ontario Government, in carrying out its soldier settlement plan for Northern Ontario, has provided for the building up of a big pulp and paper industry in the Kapuskasing district, right in the heart of the townships being opened for the soldiers. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson yesterday awarded to Messrs. Munday and Stewart, of 84 King Street east, Toronto, who are understood to be representing American interests, the right to cut pulpwood and timber upon the Kapuskasing pulp and paper limit. The company to be formed will be required to erect at Kapuskasing a pulp mill costing with machinery and equipment, not less than a million dollars; to operate it so that the daily output shall be not less than 100 tons of pulp, and to employ an average of 200 hands for ten months of the year. The company will also be required to erect a paper mill with a daily capacity of 75 tons a day whenever directed by the Government. The winning tender offered the Government a flat rate of 75 cents per cord for all pulpwood and \$15 a thousand for pine.

The purpose of the Government in selling the pulpwood on the Kapuskasing limit was to provide a market not only for the soldiers-settlers' pulpwood, but for the produce he produces. The limit comprises some 1,700 square miles of country, and the townships composing it surround those set aside for the soldiers along the Transcontinental. Once the settlers have been trained at the Kapuskasing community farm and located upon their partly-cleared land they will be able to maintain themselves and their families by marketing the pulpwood secured in clearing the rest of their quarter-sections. The fact that the company must employ at least 200 men a day for ten months in the year, and that this number is bound to increase considerably as the industry gets going, indicates the extent of the market the settlers will have for their surplus crops right at their doors.

Another pulp and timber berth was awarded by the Minister the same day, the Port Arthur Pulp and Paper Company being awarded the right to cut in Sibley Townships, Thunder Bay, spruce at \$1.10 a cord and balsam and other pulpwood at 90 cents. These figures include the ordinary dues. The company will pay \$7.50 for pine.