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NEW MILL CONSTRUCTION.

A Roofing Mill to Be Erected at Hamilton, Ohio; a New Board Mill Is to Be Built at Battle Creek, Mich.—E. L. Savage Buys Mill Property at Skowhegan, Me.—Other Projects.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, November 14, 1908.—Plans and specifications are completed for a new roofing paper mill at Hamilton, Ohio, to be erected on the site of the old Fordham mill, destroyed by fire about four years ago. The projectors are J. Eugene Harding, Congressman from this district; T. A. Jones, of the American Writing Paper Company, of Franklin, Ohio, and Harry Engle. Tad Jones, the famous Yale quarter back, is to be the general manager.

The Colin Gardner Paper Company has completed plans for the erection of a new board mill at Battle Creek, Mich., and expects to have the mill in operation by next fall. The plant will be a two machine mill, but at present only one machine will be installed, and that is to be 140 inches.

It is surmised that Mr. Post, the cereal millionaire manufacturer, is largely interested in this new enterprise; in fact, some of the local people say to the extent of 51 per cent. of the entire capital. The officers of the new company, which is to be called the Gardner-Harvey Board and Paper Company, are Colin Gardner, president; E. T. Gardner, vice president; George H. Harvey, treasurer; M. S. Johnston, secretary, and Thomas Harvey, general manager. Mr. Harvey is at present superintendent of the Friend Paper Company, of West Carrollton, Ohio.

The only local man going with the new concern is M. S. Johnston, who has been with the Gardner Company since its inauguration.

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E. L. Savage Buys Mill Property at Skowhegan, Me.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., November 14, 1908.—A real estate transfer of considerable importance became public last week, the sale of the paper mill property near the south end of the Maine Central Railroad bridge, by Lewis Anderson, who has owned it for the past nine years, to to E. L. Savage, of North Anson. The new owner proposes to reset the water wheel now in the flume at this plant, giving it a level 9 feet lower than at present, and to add three or four new wheels, developing in all between 300 and 400 horse power. Other repairs and betterments will be undertaken and the plant put in shape as soon as may be for the manufactnre of fine papers. It is understood that Mr. Savage has other associates, but at present it is not announced who they are.

The property just sold is undoubtedly the oldest of Showhegan's manufacturing plants. It was built about the year 1840 for a starch mill, the moving spirits in the enterprise being Abner and Philander Coburn and a man by the name of Farrar. It was operated for the manufacture of starch for from five to ten years and subsequently re-equipped and run as a paper mill by R. E. Lyon & Co., this latter use terminating about 1880. After this for a few years it was used by a concern who manufactured hay caps and battery jars of wood pulp; since the cessation of the latter industry it has been used chiefly for storage.

The new proprietor was connected with the erection and subsequent operation of a ground wood pulp plant at Shawmut a few years since, and more recently with a similar enterprise at North Anson. He is also known as the inventor of pulp and paper machinery. The location just purchased is very favorable in many ways for the manufacture of paper, and it is hoped that a large business, profitable to the promoters and of great advantage to the town, may be built up.

The advertiser should always remember that the quality of his advertisements will not affect the price of space—that it will cost just as much to print a poor advertisement as it will a good one.

General Roofing Manufacturing Co. Buys Boyce Mills.

The General Roofing Manufacturing Company, of East St. Louis, Ill., has purchased the Boyce Paper Mills at Marseilles, Ill. The plant is of reinforced concrete construction, contains one 84 inch, four cylinder machine, and one 120 inch Fourdrinier machine. The Fourdrinier will be changed to a cylinder for making roofing felt, and the four cylinder machine will be run on building papers.

The company is also going to build in connection with the mill a modern fireproof roofing plant for the manufacture of ready roofings and saturated felts. The paper machines and roofing machinery will be run by electric power. Twelve extra heavy beating engines will be added at once, making eighteen in number, which, with three Jordans, will be run by water power.

The company's plant at East St. Louis contains two modern, up to date felt and paper machines, running on roofing felts and building papers; fourteen beating engines, driven by a 1,200 horse power cross compound condensing Corliss engine; paper machines, rag cutters and roofing factory are run by a 350 K. W. direct connected to cross compound condensing Corliss engine. Steam plant consists of six 400 horse power water tube boilers fitted with stokers and the very latest coal and ash handling devices.

The assistant manager, S. E. Allison, and general superintendent, O. R. Emigh, will have charge of the new plant. The four cylinder machine at Marseilles will be started at once on building papers, and the work of building the roofing plant and making the other changes will be rushed so that the plant will be in full operation by February 1, 1909. With these two large plants the General Roofing Manufacturing Company will be one of the largest manufacturers of ready roofing in the world.

Capital Going into Mills in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., November 10, 1908.—That large quantities of capital are being attracted by British Columbia's natural wealth is shown by the fact that a plant for the manufacture of wood pulp at Powell River, near the lake, will be established by English capitalists in the immediate future.

The company has been organized, and arrangements made for the purchase of materials, machinery, timber land and other necessities. The mill will have every modern facility. It is likely that a turpentine plant will form a portion of the industry, and the turpentine is to be extracted and made according to the recently patented invention of Provincial Assayer Carmichael, of Victoria.

R. N. Calkins, who runs a large plant of a similar nature in Anacortes, Wash., left this forenoon on the Queen City for Powell Lake, and will complete the arrangements for the company.

"The pulp plant, when finished, will cost about $350,000," said Mr. Calkins last week. "It will be one of the finest equipped mills in the world," he continued, "for the company is sparing no expense in its construction. At the point on Powell River where it will stand, the power and other facilities are magnificent, unsurpassed, I think, by any in the world. In addition to the great water power there is timber of all kinds within easy reach, and the outlet to shipping is of the best. Taken altogether the location could not be beaten, and the mills will no doubt form possibly the most important industry in the province."

Strike at Champion Coated's Mill "Off."

HAMILTON, Ohio, November 16, 1908.—Officials of the Champion Coated Paper Company have been informed that the strike of the paper makers at that plant, which began December 23, 1907, has been declared off. A number of the strikers have applied for employment, and they have been taken back as opportuinty offered.

An effort is being made to have the Circuit Court order a special election to determine whether or not Kimberly (Wis.) shall be incorporated as a village.