

and the E. B. Eddy Professor of Industrial and Cellulose Chemistry at McGill, directs graduate student work on such subjects as the behaviour of the materials of which wood is made—cellulose, lignin and hemicelluloses. The head of the Institute's Physical Chemistry Division, also a Research Associate in the McGill Chemistry Department, directs graduate student work in the physical chemistry of fibres, e.g., the forces that cause cellulose fibres in a water suspension to mat together to form paper. An Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at McGill, who is a consultant to the Institute, directs graduate students in such chemical studies as the rate of drying of droplets and fibres. In addition, other members of the Institute's staff who likewise hold concurrent honorary positions at McGill assist in this student training program.

The Institute also undertakes contract research projects on a cost-reimbursement basis for individual companies or groups of companies in the pulp and paper or allied fields. The larger of these co-operative contracts have been concerned with problems of particular segments of the Canadian pulp and paper industry, such as the investigation into the causes of corrosion in alkaline pulping equipment and the study of the rapid deterioration of paper machine wires.

A further function of the Institute is to provide a broad range of technical information services to the industry and, to some extent, to other industries and the public. It maintains a specialized library for this purpose which stocks bibliographies, abstracts, translations and critical reviews for the use of the scientific staff and the industry.

Section 5.—Forest and Allied Industries

This Section is concerned with the many industries employed in the felling of timber in the forest and its transformation into the numerous utilitarian shapes and forms required in modern living. The basic industries provide the raw materials for sawmills, pulp and paper mills and for a wide range of secondary industries that convert the products of the basic industries into more highly manufactured goods such as veneers and plywoods, sash and doors, furniture, and a vast range of industries using wood in any form in their processes. These industries, especially the pulp and paper industry and the lumber industry, contribute substantially to the value of the export trade of Canada and thereby provide the exchange necessary to pay for a large share of the imports purchased from other countries, particularly the United States.

Technological changes and market shifts are causing Canada to lose some of the unique advantages it has enjoyed in the forest products field. In an effort to remain competitive, changes are being brought about in the structure of Canadian forest-based industries and in the technologies employed. Much emphasis is also being placed on better utilization of the forest resources.

In British Columbia there is a continuing development of the pulp and paper industry which, unlike that in Eastern Canada, is integrated to a high degree with the lumber industry. An important feature of this integration is the use of smaller and defective logs uneconomical for the manufacture of lumber, and the use of sawmill and veneer mill residue in the form of pulp chips. In Eastern Canada the most significant developments in the pulp and paper industry have been the increasing use of hardwood species for pulp manufacture and the increase of speeds in paper machines which has improved productive capacity at relatively low costs. There is also continuing construction of new plants, notably in the Maritime Provinces, and this is leading to improved utilization through the use of sawmill residues for pulping material.

Significant changes are also taking place in the lumber industry in Eastern Canada. Sawmills are undergoing a gradual process of concentration into larger and more efficient units and employing modern electric, hydraulic and pneumatic equipment which permits