

## ECONOMIC AND TRADE NOTES

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SHANGHAI PAPER MARKET CONDITIONS

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Imports of paper of all categories into Shanghai during the eight months period ended August 31, 1933 were value at U.S.\$8,319,266, as compared with U.S.\$6,102,623. for the same period of 1932, representing a 36% increase. Common printing and newsprint, January to August, 1933, inclusive, amounted to approximately 20% of the total, the quantity imported being 34,412 tons of 2000 lbs., Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, and Austria being the principal suppliers, with the United States contributing only about 7% of the total. Canada's share of the total for eight months was approximately 27%. In the past few months Scandinavian countries and Germany have figured less prominently in this trade and West Coast mills in both the United States and Canada have been making a special bid for China business in newsprint. Quotations are well competitive with those of Europe and deliveries are quicker (trans-Pacific shipment requiring only 16 to 18 days) with the result that at the moment American and Canadian mills have *a very strong position in the market.* ~~virtually a monopoly of new business.~~ The China market to a greater degree than previously demands newsprint in rolls (to be cut here as necessary for a portion of the trade), the duty on newsprint in this form being about 20% less than for flat news. The trade feels that the semi-official newsprint mill project even if it materializes cannot begin to put out any considerable volume of paper until three or four years hence, and as the demand for newsprint is a growing one, there will still be a good market for

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the imported product. With advantageous prices now prevailing, newsprint is to some extent replacing M. G. Cap in this market.

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IMPORTS OF THE PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES OF PAPER  
PRODUCTS INTO SHANGHAI AND INTO CHINA FOR THE  
EIGHT MONTHS PERIOD ENDED August 31, 1933,  
WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ARTICLES</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO SHANGHAI</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO CHINA</u>
Books and Music, Printed, Engraved, or Manuscript .....	G.U. 695,575	G.U. 1,918,714
Charts, Maps, and other Products of the Graphic Arts .....	10,212	38,746
Paper, Boards .....	1,623,064	1,853,586
" Cigarette .....	1,538,702	1,830,116
" Coated and/or Enamelled on one or both sides .....	G.U. 560,199	G.U. 604,524
" Common Printing and News- printing (containing Mechanical Wood Pulp) ...	2,838,641	4,183,139
" Drawing, Document, Bank-note and Bond .....	223,304	250,621*
" Glazed, either Flint, Friction, or Plates, and Marbled Paper .....	277,757	354,301
" Labels, for Match Manufacturing .....	1,485	6,342
" M.C. Cap, White or Coloured, made chiefly of Mechanical Wood Pulp .....	1,100,359	1,963,423
" Packing and Wrapping .....	457,562	640,829
" Kraft .....	527,846	629,347
" Parchment, Glascine, Pergamyn, and Grease-proof .....	411,218	478,143
" Simile .....	462,056	368,720
" Tissue .....	194,813	212,126
" Writing .....	299,409	385,841

\* Net Re-exports.

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<u>ARTICLES</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO SHANGHAI</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO CHINA</u>
Paper, Printing (free of Mechanical Wood Pulp)	G.U. 1,399,156	G.U. 1,886,274
" Printing other	110,730	234,224
Wall-paper, and Paper, Embossed, Metallic, or otherwise Decorated, n.o.r.	86,403	111,770
Paper n.o.r.	351,005	450,701
Wood Pulp	367,236	396,050
Paperware	1,876,596	2,130,252
<b>T o t a l</b>	<b>G.U. 15,213,347</b>	<b>G.U. 20,426,547</b>

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The average value of the Gold Unit during the eight months period ended August 31, 1933 was approximately 53½ U.S. Currency.

Gross Import	G.U. 15,213,347	G.U. 20,426,547
Re-exported Abroad	673	247
Net Import	G.U. 15,212,674	G.U. 20,426,300

The total quantity imported into Shanghai of common and newspaper paper in the eight months period amounted to 512,800 piculs or 31,014 tons of 2000 lbs. The quantity imported into all China during the same period totalled 20,426,300 piculs equivalent to 12,713 tons of 2000 lbs.

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IMPORTS OF COMMON PRINTING AND NEWSPRINTING  
PAPER INTO SHANGHAI AND INTO CHINA DURING  
THE EIGHT MONTHS PERIOD ENDED August 31, 1933.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO SHANGHAI</u>	<u>IMPORTED INTO CHINA</u>
Austria	G.U. 265,816	G.U. 289,464
Canada	776,451	848,023
Finland	387,848	480,044
Germany	277,695	443,028
Great Britain	24,931	51,300
Hongkong	40	84,659
Japan	69,434	583,727
Netherlands	47,932	79,188
Norway	411,402	508,971
Sweden	388,902	606,443
U.S. of America	184,211	184,482
Other Countries	4,672	24,557
Gross Import	G.U. 2,839,334	G.U. 4,183,886
Re-exported Abroad	693	747
Net Import	G.U. 2,838,641	G.U. 4,183,139

The total quantity imported into Shanghai of common and newsprint paper in the eight months period amounted to 516,288 piculs or 34,414 tons of 2000 lbs. The quantity imported into all China during the same period totalled 96,601,442 piculs equivalent to 48,300 tons of 2000 lbs.

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