

June 15, 1948

Why Nanaimo Selected for New Pulp Mill: Signed by H.R. MacMillan, a letter was read at Monday night's City Council meeting...Mr. MacMillan's letter said his company chose Nanaimo because of advantages it offered for a pulp mill from the standpoint of advantages in water supply, good harbour and accessibility to transportation, also because the district provides such excellent opportunity for the homes of those who will be employed there.

June 8, 1950
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Wheels Are Turning In Great Sulphate Plant at Nanaimo: Wheels have begun turning in a \$19,000,000 addition to British Columbia's pulp and paper industry. The H.R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd. announced today the 'running-in' period for the new pulp mill at Nanaimo will last until some time in August, after which the official opening will take place. First production will be unbleached sulphate pulp. The bleaching unit will not be in production until November.

June 26, 1950

Nanaimo Free Press

In its published statement, the company does emphasize that it will be spending about \$1 million a year among merchants, farmers and tradesmen in and around Nanaimo, and suggests that as the demand for pulp and paper increases, there is every reason to expect the industry will go on continuously through generations to come.

August 11, 1950

Nanaimo Free Press

Official Opening Of Pulp Mill Set Monday, 400 Guests: Official opening of the H.R. MacMillan Export Co. sulphate pulp mill at Harmac will take place Monday, when it is expected some 400 guests will be present. The event will be given official provincial recognition by the presence of the Premier, Byron I. Johnson, M.B.E. In addition to the premier, two ministers, Hon. Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Finance, and the Hon. Edward T. Kenney, Minister of Lands and Forests, are expected to be present. Nanaimo will be officially represented by Mayor Earle Westwood and several of his aldermen.

May 24, 1948

Nanaimo Free Press

Nanaimo Gets \$12,000,000 Pulp Mill: Nanaimo will get the new H. R. MacMillan \$12,000,000 pulp mill. Official announcement to this effect was issued from Vancouver at 3:30 this afternoon. The decision to build here has been made after long and careful consideration, said an official statement.



June 10, 1954

1800 Nanaimo and District People See Monster Harmac Mill At Work: Over 1800 people took advantage of the MacMillan & Bloedel Ltd. open house yesterday and visited the \$40,000,000 Harmac pulp mill at Cedar. From the first glimpse of the huge chain dragging logs from the sea for conversion into chips, to the ice cream and pop served in the storage sheds, they gazed with awe and a degree of pride at this Canadian giant of industry, the second largest of its kind in the world. The tour was unique in that the visitors were "on their own" as they passed through the various operations. Only portions not open were the huge furnace rooms, the laboratory and the chlorine bleaching plants.

October 27, 1953

Nanaimo Free Press

Duke of Edinburgh Invited To Visit Harmac Mill Here: The Duke of Edinburgh will be invited to visit Nanaimo when he comes to western Canada next summer. As the Duke was to make visits to industrial plants in the west, Alderman Robert Lawley suggested he be invited to see the largest pulp mill of its kind in Canada, the Harmac mill at Cedar.

August 29, 1953

MacMillan & Bloedel

Announcement:

"In the midst of massive new building and complicated machinery, a point of interest that may be unnoticed by the visitor is a set of stacks on top of the bleach plant. These gas stacks, which eliminate most of the odours from bleach plant gases, are a triumph of research and experiment conducted mainly by Harmac engineers and chemists.

November 28, 1952

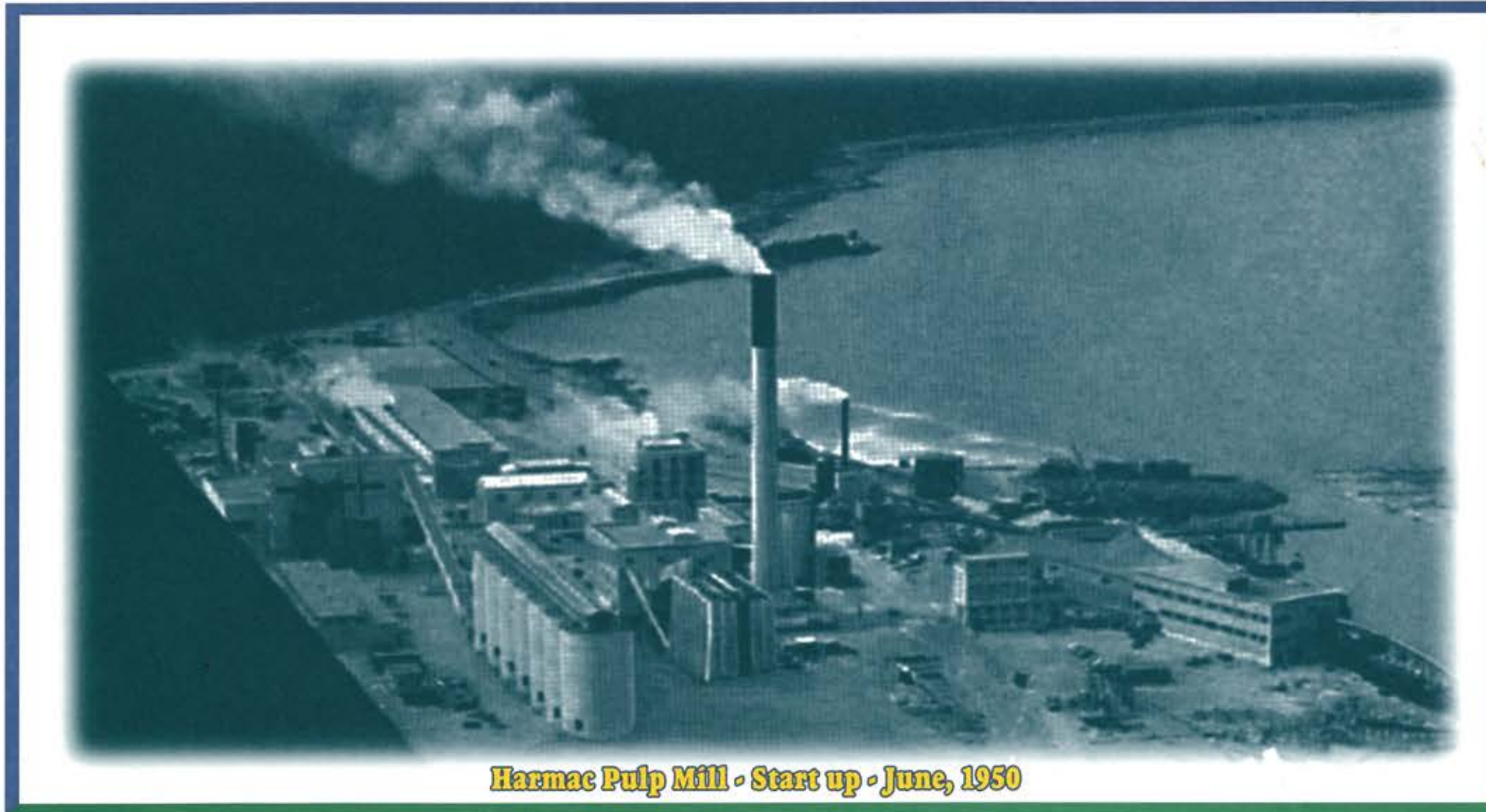
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Swedish Freighter Docks At Harmac With Valuable Dryer For \$20,000,000 Extension: The machinery, made in Sweden, is known as a Flak dryer. There were 410 tons in the shipment, done up in 375 carefully crated parcels. Four gangs of stevedores went to work yesterday and within eight hours all machinery had been deposited on the concrete pier and was later under cover.

November 20, 1952

Nanaimo Free Press

600 Tons Bleached Pulp Per Day From Harmac in Late '53: Late 1953 will see beginning of operations in the new extensions to Harmac Pulp Division of MacMillan and Bloedel Limited. Framework of several buildings is near completion stages. The machine room extension is finished and equipment is now being installed. Cost of the expansion program is estimated at \$20,000,000, which added to cost of building the original mill, will raise total cost to \$40,000,000. Employment at the enlarged plant will be approximately 450.



Harmac Pulp Mill - Start up - June, 1950

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H.R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd.: 'Introducing our new Sulphate Pulp Mill'

The \$19 million pulp project of the H.R. MacMillan Export Company Limited, Pulp Division, represents an important step in the scientific utilisation of British Columbia woods. Scientists and skilled craftsmen work together to turn what was once considered waste products into a valuable commodity bringing new wealth to the province.

January 27, 1951

Pulpmill to Build \$900,000 Deep Sea Wharf, Digesters: Expenditure of approximately \$900,000 will be made at Harmac pulp mill near Nanaimo to build a deep-sea wharf and to increase digester and chip storage capacity, it was announced today by B.F. Hoffmeister, president of H.R. MacMillan Export Company Limited. The wharf will have a berthing length of 400 feet and a width of 60 feet.

August 11, 1951

Nanaimo Free Press

Harmac Has Big Program of Building: Additions to the plant will more than double the bleached sulphate producing capacity. It will not be completed until 1953, indicating the size of the building project. In addition there will be a \$2,000,000 dam, tunnel and pipeline at Nanaimo lakes for supplementing the water supply. Eight new digesters will be added to the existing four, giving the mill some surplus digester capacity for use during repair and overhaul periods.