PRODUCTION DATA REPORT

Project 1108-B
Supplementary Report Six

FOURDRINIER KRAFT BOARD INSTITUTE, INC.

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The production data contained herein represent the production of linerboard as reported by the following Fourdrinier Kraft Board Institute member mills for the first quarter of 1954:

The Brown Paper Mill Co., Inc.
The Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia
Continental Can Company, Inc.
Gaylord Container Corporation
International Paper Company
Macon Kraft Company
National Container Corporation
St. Regis Paper Company
St. Joe Paper Company
Southern Paperboard Corporation
Union Bag and Paper Corporation
West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company

As in the previous reports, the data have been tabulated according to (1) total production by quarters and (2) production by grades by quarters.

The total production for the first quarter of 1954 is given in Table I and graphically illustrated in Figure 1. The total production for the previous four quarters is also included in Table I and Figure 1 for comparison. The production by grades per quarter may be seen in Table II together with the corresponding tonnage for the
previous four quarters. In addition, percentage production by grades is given in Table III for the current quarter and the previous four quarters. These figures are based on the total production per quarter computed separately with the miscellaneous figure included and with the miscellaneous figure excluded. The major tonnage grades—namely, 26-lb., 33-lb., 38-lb., 42-lb., 47-lb., 69-lb., 90-lb., and miscellaneous—are illustrated in Figures 2 through 9, respectively, together with the production for the previous four quarters.

In order to give a better perspective of the above data, the tonnages for the major grades have been plotted on a semi-logarithmic scale (see Figure 10) for the purpose of comparing the rate of change in production of these grades. The advantage of semi-log graphs in this case is that the rate of change may be compared readily even though the magnitude of the tonnage level may be vastly different. The rate of change is denoted by the slope of the line or curve and, on semi-log graphs when two lines are parallel (regardless of magnitude), the rate at which these two items are changing is the same. When two lines are not parallel, the one with the greater (steeper) slope is changing at the faster rate.

There are a number of comparisons which may be of interest. These are as follows:

1. The total production decreased from 818 thousand tons (4th quarter, 1953) to 721 thousand tons or a decrease of approximately 11.9 per cent based on the higher tonnage. When computed on the basis of the average quarterly production (799,510 tons) for 1953, the decrease amounts to 9.3%. 
2. Compared to the last quarter of 1953, the production of all major grades decreased; however, the tonnage for the Miscellaneous grades increased 27.5\% over the previous quarter.

3. The Miscellaneous tonnage constitutes 11.3 per cent of the total tonnage in the first quarter of 1954 whereas it amounted to only 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1953.

4. For purposes of comparing the areas of tonnage change, the average quarterly tonnage by grades for 1953 and the corresponding tonnage for the first quarter of 1954 have been tabulated in Table IV. On the basis of 1953 quarterly average, all major grade tonnages are less except the 26-lb. and Miscellaneous grades.

\begin{table}[h]
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\caption{Total Production of All Grades}
\begin{tabular}{|l|c|}
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 & Total Tonnage \\
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1953 & \\
1st quarter & 742,279 \\
2nd quarter & 805,898 \\
3rd quarter & 831,485 \\
4th quarter & 818,379 \\
1954 & \\
1st quarter & 720,954 \\
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\end{tabular}
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Figure 1

PAPER BOARD PRODUCTION OF ALL GRADES

Year 1  2  3  4  1  2  3  4
Quarter 1952 1953 1954
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Figure 2

PRODUCTION, 26-lb.
Figure 3

PRODUCTION, 33-lb.
Figure 4

PRODUCTION, 3C-10.
Figure 6

PRODUCTION, 47-1b.

Tons

Year

1952 1953 1954

Quarter

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
Figure 8

Production, 90-lb.
Figure 10

Comparison of Production Rates

ALL GRADES

Year
1952 1953 1954 1955

Quarter
1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

TONNAGE, 1 x 10^3

26 — lb

33 — lb

38 — lb

42 — lb

47 — lb

69 — lb

90 — lb

Miscellaneous
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