PULP OUTPUT REDUCED BY LONG STORAGE

How large a loss may be caused by decay in pulp wood through storage was learned in recent observations conducted by the Forest Products Laboratory at a sulphate pulp mill.

Pulp wood which yielded over 3½ tons per digester when used green, after a year's storage yielded only 3 tons. Some which had been stored for from 2 to 3 years yielded only 2½ tons per digester. These losses in production, amounting in the latter case to over 25 percent, occurred without any compensating reduction in operating expenses. Hence the monetary loss was fully equal to what the lost product would have sold for f. o. b. mill.

Such losses can be largely reduced by operating the wood yard that the wood is used as nearly in rotation as possible, without allowing any to remain in storage as long as one year.