

Lumbering on the Ottawa.

A Life of Great Hardship and Exposure.

River Drivers Often Waist Deep in Icy Waters—Pain-Racked Bodies the Frequent Outcome—Only the Most Robust Can Stand This Weary Round of Toil.
From the Ottawa Free Press.

Only those who have engaged in the arduous occupation of lumbering know how dearly earned is their livelihood, for among the many vocations of men that of lumberman ranks among the most dangerous and difficult. There is the heavy shanty labor from earliest dawn to evening star when the toiler for half the year is remote from home and friends, and whose daily round is to eat and work and sleep, only getting an occasional glimpse of the outside world through a long looked for letter from some loved one far away.

Then the days lengthen, the frozen lake breaks up, and comes the driving of logs and hewn timber down the tortuous swift running stream, when necessity often calls the driver to wade body deep in the swift flowing, icy waters. None but the strong can engage in such heavy labor, only the most robust are able to stand the ten hours of daily toil, with but a mid-day hour's respite. Such, in brief, is the life of many thousands of laborers in the Ottawa valley,



and among the many is Thos. Dobie, of 130 Head street, Chaudiere, who for twelve long years has wrought for the great lumber king, J. R. Booth, shantying in the snowy northern forests, and lifting three inch deal during the summer heats. It is not to be wondered at that in his long experience and great exposure he should contract a severe cold that in time took permanent lodging in the region of his loins and kidneys. Like many others he thought to work it off, but in vain. Soon the pains in the region of the kidneys became so intense that labor was a torture to him, and it was only the indomitable courage, born of a knowledge that others were dependent upon him, that urged him to pursue his weary round of daily toil. Every sudden movement of the body was as a thorny goad that made him wince beneath its sting. Added to this was an unusual and excessive sweating which necessitated frequent changes of clothing, and which weakened him to such an extent that his appetite was almost entirely gone, and eventually but little food and much water was his daily fair. Many vain efforts were made by Mr. Dobie to free himself from the pains which had fastened themselves upon him, and one medicine after another was used, but without effect. Life became a burden and existence a thing almost unendurable. After many fruitless efforts he was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When three boxes were taken the change in his condition was marvellous, and his own words are "when I had taken six boxes I was a new man and consider the care worth hundreds of dollars." Mr. Dobie, although completely cured, continues taking Pink Pills occasionally and is very enthusiastic in his praises of what the pills have done for him. Many of his fellow workmen seeing the great change wrought in him by these famous pills have been led to give them a trial for other ailments and are unanimous in pronouncing them superior to all other medicines.

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