

IN THE LUMBER WOODS.

Good Work Being Done By The W. C. T. U. On The Miramichi.

An Interesting Article By a Hartford Student.

Amidst the busy industrialism of our time New Brunswick takes a prominent place. And among her industries there stands out conspicuously that of lumbering. In prosecuting this industry thousands of men are engaged. Here are found many of our most stalwart, our sturdiest, our manliest men. Intelligence, experience, enterprise, grit and gumption strenuously exert themselves in laying low the monarch of the forest and then transferring them to the streams and rivers.

We look back in thought and imagination 75, 100 or more years on the long session of years of this work. We see the generous forest seemingly inexhaustive in its treasures, ungrudgingly yielding up its timber riches. Even though time after time tracts have been denuded of all lumber sufficiently large for practical use, a few years only have needed to elapse ere again the woodman picks his labors there and removes rich spoil.

What a history is wrapped up in the wide and solemn vastness of the great woodlands of New Brunswick. As generations have been born, lived their lives, and passed on, the lumberman has resorted to those lovely retreats strenuously busied himself, battled with the difficulties, borne the hardships, and returned at the close of his season's labors. There have been wisdom and the lack of it, sagacity and error, skill and inexperience, well-directed energy, and activity comparatively aimless, expert calculation rewarded, chaotic calculation disappointed. Farms and homes have been lost, fine properties have been gained; men have come out heart sore and penniless, or exhilarated and enriched. Men have launched out as it were into the deep, so to speak, engaged men and teams, contracted for large quantities of supplies, thought, wrought, struggled, laid millions of fine logs at the landing, logs which when manufactured have added so materially to the comforts and working facilities of thousands, and yet the laborer has found himself with less than nothing financially for his hire.

THE LUMBERMAN'S TOIL.
His pay has been a mite-testing, heart-depressing retrospect of bootless effort.

Others, gripping the situation with more resistless executive force, have wrenched favorable fortune from the real of difficulties sometimes seemingly unsurmountable. The yarding of logs in places of almost appalling danger, the conveying of those great loads built so wide at the base and so high, down hills, rendered safer by use of rotten wood, refuse hay or gravel carried sometimes, carried quite a distance in a box or other conveyances, the extensive skidding of these heavily laden sleds are liable to cut off, sink and stick fast, the erection of snow sheds for protection of specially trying road sections, the shovelling of snow for miles at times on roads on which the rain has laid bare rocks and

gravel. Such and many allied things call into exercise grit, resolution, energy that cultivate men in the fearless and the executive.

ELEMENTS IN THE WOODS MAN'S LIFE.

There are thrilling experiences where, should strap or neck yoke give way the life of team or teamster may quickly be exchanged for death. The icing of roads with water tanks, the dexterous use of prey or loading block and wire rope, the early rising, the grit and go, the severe labors of many, the long, lonesome, monotonous rides of teamsters to and from landings, the clothing wet and heavy from working in soft snow, the bewildering collection of coats, socks, mitts above the "ram-down" stoves causing the uninitiated onlooker to wonder how men can be sure to find their own; the system of early retirement, the few hours of sleep for cook or teamster, the character needed in the cook on whom so much of the success of the whole operation depends, for he must be up at from 2.30 or so a. m., and has to awaken as well as have ready appetizing food for the men; the thought, care, alertness, experience, firmness, enterprise, fidelity, brother's sympathy and manliness required in the boss; the humanity displayed by the teamster with a warm heart, the weary dragging forth to labor at times in the morning; the vigorous demonstrations at times as superabundant energies get hilarious vent; these are some of the interesting elements in the woodman's life.

There is much to stimulate the one who visits these men, much to admire, much to render thoughtful. It is a hard, energetic life. There is much of resolution to run the enterprise through successfully. That is little to be surprised before the mind. Month after month is passed away from the privileges of home life. Men are in the woods, some of them as early as August—five, six, seven months sometimes before release.

LITERATURE IS SCARCE.

Newspapers are scarce; books are few. Bibles are conspicuous in number: hymn books are not abundant. A well worn novel sometimes reveals itself. Monotony has large place in the intervals of suspension of labor. There is little to stimulate the nobler outlook, or widen the outlook of knowledge. There are good books. Robert Watson, the genial colporteur of the British-American Book and Tract Society, of Halifax, visits what camps he can. His visits are a rich boon to the men who avail themselves of the opportunity to buy. Some Bibles are to be found copies of that stirring periodical "Success" are met with here and there. Copies, too, of some of the prominent magazines in very limited number. Some newspapers reach the camps. But how meagre the supply of literature; how little to stimulate thought and feed the mind, or minister to heart and soul. The higher nature is largely as it were in a desert. Men find themselves naturally spending the precious quarters, halves or whole hours talking on the mere trivialities of experience past or present. So much of the time during those months is lost and so often worse than lost, for when the mind is left stagnant it not only is not exercised, but it so surely often loses much of its desire for knowledge. The sense of responsibility for self improvement is measurably starved out.

Sunday is a monotonous day to many; so often unprofitably spent, mending of clothes, washing, hair cutting, making of axe handles, mending of sleds, repairing of chains, perhaps shoeing of horses give variety to his hours. How much unenriching conversation, how much mere lying in "berths" with nothing to do. Think of the waste of mind and spirit and heart in the region of the Miramichi, the Tobique, through the century lately closed.

Responsibilities has lain at the doors of whom? At whose doors does it lie today? Men could



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take literature to the woods. Each could have his Bible. The singers could have their hymn books more invariably. Men could arrange with those at home to send papers or magazines to the men in the woods. But so many don't do these things. It is in so many cases overlooked. The socks, the mitts, the clothing under and over are conscientiously proved but the mind is forgotten or ignored.

TOBIQUE AND UPPER ST. JOHN.

And as for religious services, an occasional visit from a minister has varied the monotony and exerted its passing influence. What is required? Whose heart stirs him or her up? Who has healthful literature to spare? and who would be glad to send it? There are neopets to which it could be sent. I don't know the Tobique and Upper St. John depots. But from such men as Fred H. Hale, John Morrison, D. Koswick, Ed. McCallum, McNair, and the others not personally known to the writer the location of depots could be ascertained. At Burnt Hill is Welsh's lower depot. At Clear Water, the Messrs. Lynch's main centre. They have another at Little Sou'-west. W. Richards depot at Dungarvon and his lower depot about 23 miles nearer Boiestown are the centres to which literature could be sent. Who will rise to the kindly ministry to the men and win their lasting gratitude? Parcels for Burnt Hill, to be sent in care of Mr. Welsh, Bristol, Carleton county (N. B.); parcels for Clearwater, care T. Lynch, Glassville, Carleton county; parcels for Dungarvon and Richards's lower depot, in care of W. Richards, Herbert Gunter, Boiestown; parcels for Little Sou'-west in care of D. Lynch, Boiestown.

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men's stay in the woods? This is unquestionably required. It is incumbent on all who have the true brotherly spirit towards the woodsmen. There is a difference of opinion among operators as to this. Some of them regard it with disfavor. Others are friendly to the idea, while others heartily welcome the prospect. December, January, and February call for a man. A man is wanted full of brotherly feeling, who can enter with warm sympathy into the lives of the men, who is ready to gladly share their experiences, their advantages or their disadvantages with them, who in a way practical, helpful is fitted to dispense to their enrichment the truths of eternal life and who in every way he can will gladly exert himself to stimulate or foster or cultivate the higher life of these brother men. Is there not such a man available who can get away from other business and can give himself to this work? Are there not those with means who would gladly contribute to this cause so as to admit success in giving his whole time and strength to this work during this winter? No one church can to advantage take up this work.

SUGGESTION TO Y. M. C. A. OR W. C. T. U.

It is a work interdenominational. All the denominations are represented among the men. The Y. M. C. A. might see a line of usefulness open for them to enter upon by sending a well-equipped man; or the W. C. T. U. These women who labor much for the well-being of so many have won the warm appreciation of many woodsmen for the comfort bags so kindly and thoughtfully furnished them at intervals. These women have an opportunity for this greater work. Their president is Mrs. Emma B. Atkinson, Moncton. Their treasurer is Mrs. R. A. Phillips, Fredericton. Their honorary president is Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, St. John (N. B.). Their corresponding secretary-treasurer, C. A. Lindow, St. Stephen. The W. C. T. U. has had this matter before them this fall. Who would go was, I understand, with them a question. If whole-hearted friends would put some funds into the hands of Mrs. Phillips these sisters would see their way more clearly to act. Their treasury at present is almost exhausted. One of the best men available is wanted—a man who loves Christ Jesus; one who realizes the deep satisfaction belonging to a truly religious life and who can unhesitatingly commend it to men; one not ashamed of the gospel and confident in the efficiency of the teachings of God's Word, blessed by the Holy Spirit to produce lives noble, blessed and a blessing.

This question is crowding itself to the front to-day. It calls for a solution. This is an enterprise New Brunswick cannot afford to ignore. It is in the line of true enterprise, progress and patriotism. Ontario has her reading and recreation camps for lumbermen. In some cases men will refuse to hire with an operator who has not secured these facilities and privileges for his employees. Has not New Brunswick men as enterprising as the men of Ontario? Our woodsmen have great temptations. Who will come to the help of the Lord against the mighty evils that ply their baleful influence? The writer knows somewhat as to what he writes. For the short period of six weeks last winter, he lived with the woodsmen. He was in the solitude of the forests, but always finding a camp where he could hold a service and enjoy the whole-souled hospitality of the men. Forty-seven services were held. In every case were courtesy and reverence extended by the men. How many the warm-hearted men he met with. How pleasant the fellowship initiated. How educative for himself the experience. How stimulative to the memory. His sense of the needs of the men in the direction advocated is an indelible impression. Shall these worthy brothers of ours to whom we owe so much for their strenuous work in the woods have still to experience the mental, moral and spiritual starvation of an unenriched woodman's life or shall New Brunswick honor herself by taking hold of this work with vigor? More than one man is needed to preach, read, visit, be a brother in the highest sense of the word.

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