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## LUMBERING ON THE ST. JOHN RIVER, PAST AND PRESENT

By J. Fraser Gregory, President of Murray and Gregory Ltd.

Since 1867 all the railways of the country have been built. Now the Canadian Pacific runs up the river to Edmundston with a branch up the Tobique. The Temiscouata continues 30 miles further to Conners' while in the State of Maine the Bangor and Aroostook runs along the western bank of the river from Van Buren to the mouth of the St. Francis. To get to the extreme headwaters you can now go by the C. N. R. to Quebec, and there take the Quebec Central to St. Sabine, where you see the Deschamps one main branch of the river, a brook as outlined at the beginning. As soon as the Grand Trunk Pacific is finished the lumber territory at the head of the river will be even more accessible than it is now.

[Editor's note: This article, or rather series was written before G. T. F. was finished, and given as a lecture before the New Brunswick Natural History Society, and in consequence some minor changes may be noted by the keen student of the subject.] Population has also greatly increased within the years so no wonder that the method of lumbering has changed.

To day most of the logs are cut by jobbers. These are countrymen who live close to the scene of the operations, who agree to cut and haul to the landings at a certain price per thousand. There may be big and little jobbers. The larger ones hire men and horses as may be required and have camps of considerable size, housing thirty or more men very comfortably. The small jobber and he is in the majority, goes into the woods in the autumn and builds a camp divided in two parts, one end of the camp being occupied by his horse or team, the other by his crew of three or four, probably his half grown sons. This crew usually goes home on Saturday night to come back on Monday laden with cooked provisions for the week, principally a big pot of beans and a bag of bread. Their camp is usually dirty and cold and the workers are ill fed, for all work logging and no time for care is given to the camp.

In other cases the whole family move into the woods to camp for the winter and the mother looks after the welfare of her husband and boys in the camp. These camps are quite homelike, especially if you find in it a baby swinging in a cradle made from a four barrel.

This method of lumbering is most advantageous in the province of Quebec, when short logs are cut suitable for the English market.

At the Depot Camp where provisions are kept to be distributed to the jobbers as required and a staff of scalers and markers who continuously move about among the jobbers scaling their logs, and paint marking them, also inspecting the quality and otherwise supervising. At this depot provision must be always made for the housing of men and horses, so that if a

(To be continued)

### OBSERVER MEDAL

Instead of the usual essay or English composition in competition for the Observer silver medal for the pupils of the High school there will this year be a genuine contest in real newspaper reporting. The prize will be given to that pupil in Grades 6 to 11 who during the dates of June 1 to 7 does the best work for the Observer in the way of local reporting. The rules which govern this contest and instruction in the work will be communicated by the principal directly to the pupils. As such rules would have no interest for the regular readers they will not be published.

## NEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

May be the Outcome of a Movement started by Town Council—Another Meeting on Monday

At the regular meeting of the Town Council a committee was appointed to look into the matter of improving Greenwood cemetery. On Monday evening of this week the committee had its first meeting and it was decided that the best thing to do would be to organize a stock company, raise funds and properly carry on the work of selling lots and caring for them. It was also suggested that the directors of the company be composed of a member from each of the four churches in the town, and a fifth member.

The graveyard as it exists today is very unkempt and especially in the earlier days the lots were laid out at haphazard. The whole area of the present ground is of irregular shape and it is proposed to purchase land from Charles Bradley, George P. Burt and W. P. MacMillan that would bring the shape of the cemetery into a quadrangle, and which would afford ample room for the interment of the next two or three generations. It is suggested that lots be of various prices and that there be burial plots for those too poor to pay a high price, if any, but it is hoped that the new company may have sufficient funds to care for all graves within the yard whether they are the graves of paupers or of rich people.

This is a movement which The Observer gives most hearty support, both through the medium of its columns and by the private subscriptions of its shareholders. Some have stated that in this vicinity the living need caring for more than the dead; but the dead should not be neglected. If we show the honor and respect that our dear ones who have passed beyond are entitled to we are apt to be reminded more forcibly of our duty to those who are still with us. The location of the graveyard is good and it can be made a beautiful spot, so much so that we who have loved ones there may approach it with a feeling of tenderness and not of abhorrence.

Money will be required to establish a fund for the maintenance of this cemetery. Possibly several thousand dollars will be required to purchase the land and to make the initial development, but a small sum each year thereafter will suffice to keep it beautified with flowers, shrubs and neatly clipped grass. The grounds should be surrounded by a fence and the gates should be secured by a lock, but the key should always be available to those who desire to visit the last resting place of their friends and, no doubt, of the majority of the village people.

On Monday evening there will be another meeting of the committee and it is expected that representatives of the churches will be in attendance as well as others who are, or should be, interested. The matter is an important one. You rest when your friends died; show the sincerity of your grief by contributing liberally to the keeping green their memory.



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