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Lumber Trade of the Ottawa Valley.

A short preliminary description of the course of the noble river which gives its name to the principal lumbering region of Canada will not, we hope, be uninteresting to the general readers of this little work. Although few adventurous tourists have traced the Ottawa to its source, amidst the forest solitudes of the far northern wilds, from all such travellers we hear glowing accounts of the magnificence of the surrounding scenery, and the vastness of the dense, primeval forests which clothe its banks. The Indians in their harmonious language, named this beautiful stream, the *Kitche-sippi* or Great River, and when we contemplate the mighty cataracts, and sleeping lakes, the foaming torrents and furious rapids, the gigantic cliffs and monster boulders which distinguish its rapid journey towards the sea, we cannot but be struck with the appropriateness of such an appellation. The other name, *Ottawa*, is also Indian in its origin, and is pronounced *Ot-taw-wagh*; the word signifies, the "human ear" but in what consists its appropriateness as applied to either river or city, is a mystery which has never yet been solved. Probably some mighty chief, of the ancient tribe of