

tractor, at least in the Province of Quebec where the timber is scattered and the country very mountainous, but the result obtained by operating camps direct are in the long run very much more beneficial than from contractors. The Laurentide Pulp Co., as mentioned before, having such a large territory, and who require such an enormous quantity of pulp wood for the operation of their mills, have found it advisable to employ two inspectors, one for the jobbers or contractors and the other for its own camps. It is the duty of the former inspector to inspect regularly and frequently all jobbers' camps, and see that these jobbers do not waste the timber nor break the Government regulations. He also sees that all logs are stamped and properly culled, and when he finds anything out of the way, he reports it direct to the management of the Company. The inspector of the camps acts in a similar capacity, but reports on the general conditions of the camps in addition to the above.

Another bad feature of giving contracts to jobbers for logs is, that it is usual to give a contract for a certain quantity of logs to be of a uniform length. Suppose, for example, that a contract has been let for 50,000 spruce logs 13 feet in length, 7 inches at the small end and up. A contractor, if he cuts down a tree, will only make from this tree logs of 13 feet in length, and I have found from personal experience that a large proportion of these trees would permit of another log being cut from 8 to 10 feet in length, and still not be under 7 inches in diameter at the small end. This part of the tree is just as good for making pulp as anything else, but, as you know, the cost of handling and driving a small log is almost as great as a large log and if a manufacturer only considers his immediate circumstances, and his immediate cost of raw material, he will not bother with these ends of a tree, but, if he considers the fact that his raw material is worth money, and that by leaving these ends of the trees in the woods he is simply throwing away a part of his assets, and in addition to this is enhancing the danger of forest fires, he will, even at a slight extra cost, have them taken to his mills with the