

If the leafage is not light enough it is no easy thing to tell the value of the timber he can see; but if the branches are fairly bare, it is astonishing how close he will be in his

his camps and landings. In short he has to glance over the district with the eye of a general and acquaint himself with all its strategic points. Should the survey prove



INTERIOR OF A LUMBER CAMP.

estimate. He has to note the most likely clumps, and consider them with regard to the means of transit. He has to look at the lay of the lakes and rivers, and mark out in his mind the most suitable spots for

satisfactory, the explorers move to the chosen ground and proceed to mark it as their claim. The roads to it are "blazed," that is to say, a notch is chopped in the side of the trees that border the path