



DES JOACHIMS LANDING.

to be waked by the sunshine lighting up the green, gold and scarlet of the Joachim forest-hills.

As the Joachim rapids are impassable, we drive by stage over the portage to the river-bank above the rapids, where a canoe may be hired to Mackay, a station on the Pacific Railway. Though inferior in beauty to the Deep River scenery, the stream here is over 300 feet wide. The aspect of river and banks is of the same character, and the swift, silent canoe voyage has its charms. At Mackay's the bank has a lower level, and is covered with boulders great and small, of water-rounded gneiss. The name Mackay is taken from a farm-house near by, the only habitation until the Pacific Railway station was built. Here, we find the place positively crowded with lumbermen and railway labourers. All day they swarm to and fro, gang after gang arriving by the incoming trains. All night they sing, shout and dance.

The best way to see the Upper Ottawa scenery from this point is from the cars of the Pacific Railway, which for some distance here run along the summit of a steep hill sloping directly down to the river. The scenery is much the same as at Deep River. We pass the Rocher Capitaine and the outlet of the Deux Rivières, and early in the afternoon are landed at the Pacific Railway station at Mattawa. Nothing could be more wildly desolate than the aspect of this village. In the shadow of silent hills the Ottawa widens beside it, to receive the waters of the river which gives the place its name. This was the goal of Champlain's explorations of the Upper Ottawa; by yonder dark stream he turned his dauntless course to the westward lakes. The village of Mattawa is the most primitive, perhaps, to be seen in Canada. The