St. Maurice Pulp and Paper Company, gave evidence regarding lumbering on the North River, where sinkage, covering a period of three years amounted to 18.9 per cent. Included in the figures given were 328 cords which were taken from the bottom of the river by a scow. Nine per cent. was written off for sinkage on spruce and from thirty to forty per cent. on balsam. The loss on sawlogs was given at nine per cent. and on four-foot pulp logs sixteen per cent.

An interesting sidelight on the scarcity of woods labor which is hindering lumbering operations this year was shown when counsel announced that one company had paid thirty thousand dollars to employment agencies alone to get men to go

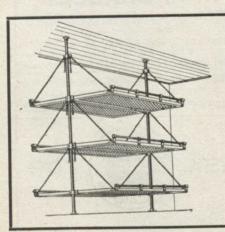
into the woods.

## N. B. PROSECUTES SETTLERS.

Fredericton. Sept. 5.—A resident of Nashwaak will appear before the Magistrate at Fredericton, N.B., on September 17th to answer to a charge of having set a fire without the necessary fire permit on the 26th of August. As it was a dry windy day, this fire would have done very serious damage to the surrounding forest if twenty-five men had not gathered quickly to extinguish it.

A similar case will be heard in Anderson, Restigouche Co. on the same date, against a settler who, after being personally warned, set fire to his slash without a permit on another dry windy day, and this fire was not extinguished until after five hundred dollars damage was

done.



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