

THE KING'S MESSENGER;

OR, LAWRENCE TEMPLE'S PROBATION.

A STORY OF CANADIAN LIFE.



LOADING LOGS IN THE WOODS.

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CHAPTER IV.—THE LUMBER CAMP.

"A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees."—Ps. lxxvi. 5.

"How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke."

—GRAY'S ELEGY.

AT length the little flotilla reached the Mattawa river. A heavy boom of floating logs chained together was moored across its mouth to intercept timber coming down its stream. An opening was made in this, and proceeding a short distance, the brigade reached at last its destination. A camp had