

This region is also well stocked with moose and caribou ; a large number of black bears are annually shot by settlers and hunters. An adventurous hotel man has built a substantial frame hotel on the lake shore for the accommodation of sportsmen and prospectors.

The end of track on the shore of North Lake, seventy miles west of Port Arthur, was reached at midnight ; most of the party went over to the Hotel de Bull, a comfortable log building, but only secured a few hours sleep, when the order to rise was issued as the gray mists of morning were rolling away from the uplands. By half-past five o'clock a breakfast of ham

her, it was found that the speed was not too great for trawling, and several fish were caught. The machinery of the tug, nearly exhausted from a long struggle with a big raft of timber, required encouragement and advice from time to time, but in the end prevailed over seven miles of as beautiful a lake expanse as the heart of a sportsman could desire. North Lake is connected with little Gunflint and Gunflint Lakes by a rocky rapid twenty yards long. Down this some of the boats were rushed while other ones were portaged across the peninsula.

When Gunflint Lake proper was reached, the beauty of its scenery was the sub-



Lumbering Scene.

and eggs, fresh beef, griddle cakes, white bread and other extras was ready at Bull's place, and an appetite whetted by the early morning air of the forest can appreciate such fare.

A couple of men paddled over to the flatbottomed, wide-beamed little tug anchored in deeper water, and by the judicious use of soft coal induced the steam to form in the upright boiler. Passengers began to arrive on the first sound of the tiny whistle, and after the engineer and four consulting experts had doctored the inspirator, the wheezy craft was ready for the trip. As she puffed on her course down the lake towing three boats behind

ject of much admiration. The dark green crystal sheet of water lies between high sloping shores marked by masses of rock, decorated by rank vines and wild fruit bushes, and clothed by the mantle of a far-spreading forest, where the vivid emerald of the spruce and poplar strive with the darker green of birch, pine and tamarac. Such a country as this is an admirable game preserve ; the forest and rough country offer shelter, the earth yields grasses and some varieties of trees are hung with edible mosses. In their season wild dewberry, strawberry, raspberry, huckleberry, buffalo or serviceberry, cranberries and cherries ripen in a prodigality