

with the loud "Timber" of the log-makers when a tree is about to fall, and the roar of the stately pine when it hits the earth.

When the trees are down and sawn into logs, the trail-cutter or swamper, trims them free of knots and branches, and cuts a trail into them so as the teamster can swing his horses up, hitch on, and haul them away to the skidway where they are piled.

These skidways are cleared spaces in off the main woods; two large trees are laid in the centre about six feet apart, and on these the logs are piled or decked. When the teamster draws up the log, one end of a small steel chain which has been hitched by a block



A completed load ready to be taken to the "dump."

pulley to the front of the skidway, is passed around the centre of the log and is fastened to the top of the pile by means of a swamp-hook. The team is then hitched to the other end of the chain and the log is drawn up on poles or skids to the top. There are generally two men called rollers, who look after this part of the work, one to see that the log goes up straight, the other to place it when it reaches the top of the skidway. These piles of logs vary in size, some having as many as fifteen hundred while others may only contain one hundred logs.