Lumber Baron
A man with great wealth, power, and influence who owns the lumber, the camp, and the land.

Wage: Millionaire

Vocabulary related to this job:

**Log-Hungry and money mad**: An owner who pushed to cut down higher than average amount of trees.
Sawyer

After the axman notched the tree, the sawyer cut down the tree with a saw. This job was done in pairs because the saws needed two people to operate them. After the swampers cut off the limbs, the sawyers would saw the tree into 16 foot logs.

Wage: $30 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

Timm-berr!: A warning call signaling falling trees
Skidder

After the tree was cut down and sawed into 16 foot logs, a teamster used a horse to pull or skid logs out of the woods to the ice road.

**Wage:** $25 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

**Snake trail:** A road over which horses pulled logs to the ice road.
Ground Loader

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After the skidder brought the logs to the ice road, the logs needed to be brought to the river. They would be loaded onto a sleigh. Working on the ice road, the top loader stood on the top of a load and placed logs as they were sent up the pile. After the sleigh was full, the teamster would drive the horses pulling the sleigh to the river.

**Wage:** $40 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Sky bird:** Another name for the top loader
- **Cant hook:** Tool for rolling logs.
Swamper

A man who cuts the limbs off a tree after it has been cut down by the sawyers.

**Wage**: $25 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

**Gutterman**: Another name for swamper.
Axman

This man notches each tree on the side he wants it to fall.

Wage: $30 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

Chopper: Another name for the axman.
Foreman

The man in charge of the logging camp and the lumberjacks.

**Wage**: $70 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Give ‘er snoose**: Work faster
- **Bull of the Woods**: Domineering camp boss
- **Push**: Another name for foreman.
- **Shook the woods**: Anxious camp boss shouting orders to get the timber moving.
Clerk
A person who sells items in the camp store and keeps records of men, payroll, and supplies.

**Wage**: $35 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Inkslinger**: Another name for the clerk.
- **Swindle shack**: Clerk’s office
- **Make ‘er out**: Pay me, I’m quitting.
Barn Boss
A man who took care of the horses and the barn.

**Wage**: $20 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Hayburner**: Horse
- **Feeder**: Another name for barn boss.
Scaler

The man who estimates the number of board feet in a log after it has been brought to the river.

**Wage:** $45 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

**Scale:** Total board feet of a log or load  
**Scale rule:** Stick with markings for measuring logs in board feet.
Stamper

As logs are unloaded from the sleigh at the river, the stamper stamps a brand mark on each log. This stamp identifies the log to each camp at the sawmill.

Wage: $35 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:

**Stamp hammer**: Hammer for branding logs on ends.

**Deck**: Pile of logs.
**Road Monkey**

A man who kept the ice road in a good shape for the teamsters bringing the logs to the river.

**Wage:** $15 per month

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Cookee
Any kind of cook's helper

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Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Blackjack**: Coffee
- **Chuck**: Food

Lumberjack Math
Bull Cook

Man tending to camp buildings by cleaning, heating and supplying wood and water. Bull Cooks were often older lumberjacks who had the best tales to share in the bunkhouse.

**Wage:** $20 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
- **Bunk House:** Building where the men slept.
- **Chore boy:** Another name for Bull Cook.
Teamster
A man who drove a team of horses in a logging operation, usually on the ice road.

Wage: $35 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
**Haw:** Command to horses to turn left.
**Gee:** Command to horses to turn right.
**Ice road:** An iced route to direct the logs from the timber stand to the river.
Cook
The person in charge of the cook camp and the cookees.

Wage: $50 per month

Vocabulary related to this job:
Belly Robber: A name for a bad cook.
Sweatpads: Pancakes
Blackstrap: Molasses