



CAMP INSPECTING AND...

Part II—

Only yesterday I was discussing camp-inspecting and would you believe it—I left out most of the material. Yes, I did. . .

Camp-inspecting is a form of "side-stepping the issue"—the issue is low-wages and bad conditions. So far good, but this side-stepping doesn't side-step—the boss wants you to side-step, so he can hit you all the harder—he even bets you five dollars that you won't stay a month (i. e. \$40 and \$45) forty-five if you stay; forty if you don't and thirty-five if you "jump." Thus, you may kid yourself, "Well, I'm three meals ahead—two "coming," and one "going," after one day's work—(one day out of three). . . . Let's see: Ten dollars per month less for jumping—that's 38 cents less per day.

That thirty-eight cents pays for the three extra meals you got.

You didn't side-step a gosh darn bit.

A man must be 'n awful hoosier to try it.

(Cost of camp board about 20 cents per day).

Yes, it's getting to be quite a gamble.—

"Bet you five you don't stay." The other day a hookman presented himself to Black Dan, Daniel introduced the hookman to an axe—and then the following conversation ensued:

"What's are you paying, Dan?"

Dan: "Forty and Forty-five."

Hookman: "Forty?"

Dan: "Forty and Forty-five."

Hookman: "Forty, did you say?"

Dan: "I'm paying Forty and Forty-five."

Hookman: "No, Dan, you're paying Forty."

Dan: "Forty and Forty-five."

Hookman: "Now you know, Dan, your paying only Forty—what's the use of lying about it, Forty a month—I'll leave this axe by the office door"—and away he wheeled.

Now, that is no way to do to a kindly and trusting foreman.

The hookman walked away and true it is that two meals—such as they were—walked away with him, but the company didn't lose one cent. How is that? I'll tell you.

One man, who will jump tomorrow, has two days in. Thirty-eight cents per day will be deducted from his wages—one day pays for his own extra meals, the other 38 cents pays for the hookman's meals—you can't beat the system by side-stepping the issue—the companies are protected from loss—from all loss—insured against all loss.

In a 100-man camp thirty-five men jump on an average of every five days—low estimate—that's thirty-five jumping five times per month; 5×35 equals 175—one hundred and 75 men jump, taking a cut of 19 cents at least per day (on five days' work) 5×9 equals 95 cents—per man— 175×95 cents equals \$166.25.

One hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-five cents is the amount the company collects every month from the wages of the jumpers, in a 100 man camp. (Low estimate)—

Thirty-five dollars pays for the extra meals they got.

The rest of the \$166.25 will pay the board of all the camp inspectors . . . and then some!

Seems to me we lumberjacks are kind a disorganized? Isn't it about time we get together—on some damn thing—and look into this 40-45 business—and that 35 business—and, if necessary, make it interesting and enjoyable by jumping all together (it makes a smoother trail)—

Damn this individual—jumping, anyway—it's like married life without a partner.

Join the I. W. W.