

raft crew, this man was on the watch and wanted to hire two or three of us, and said he would pay \$1.50 a day. I and two of the men hired out to him, and after talking the matter over I told him I guessed I would not take his job. Before leaving him I told him who I was. I don't remember what he said, but I think he decided he wanted better men. Some men running from Chippewa Falls to Reeds walked from there to Chippewa Falls and carried pieces of line to aid them in tying their rafts. If men were now required to do what we did then, at the wages paid then, I think they would rebel or strike.

THE EDDY MILL

Before we got the dam built at the Dells we bought a mill at the "big eddy," from Mr. Sherman and his two sons, who had little room for booming logs. We took the mill down and rebuilt it at the head of the rapids, half a mile above the present dam, where we could have more booming room. When we bought the mill it had a circular saw and did not cut much lumber, as it could be only run a short part of the season. After moving and rebuilding it we put in a circular and a gang. We ran it only one year before the dam was built, and to give the dam the height it required we raised the mill eight feet. We did that by putting a solid frame under it after raising it that high, and we had to do that before the dam was closed. That cost us a good deal of money; but the fact of being able to hold logs in slack water above the mill justified us, as it paid well.

THE DELLS DAM

In getting the charter for the dam we were required to put in a lock, to lock boats through, and a slide for running rafts through, which added a good deal to the cost of it; but we were willing to concede almost anything the legislature demanded, to get the dam. I was elected president of the Dells Improvement Company and the city made a lease of the dam to the company, requiring the company to put in the necessary water-