

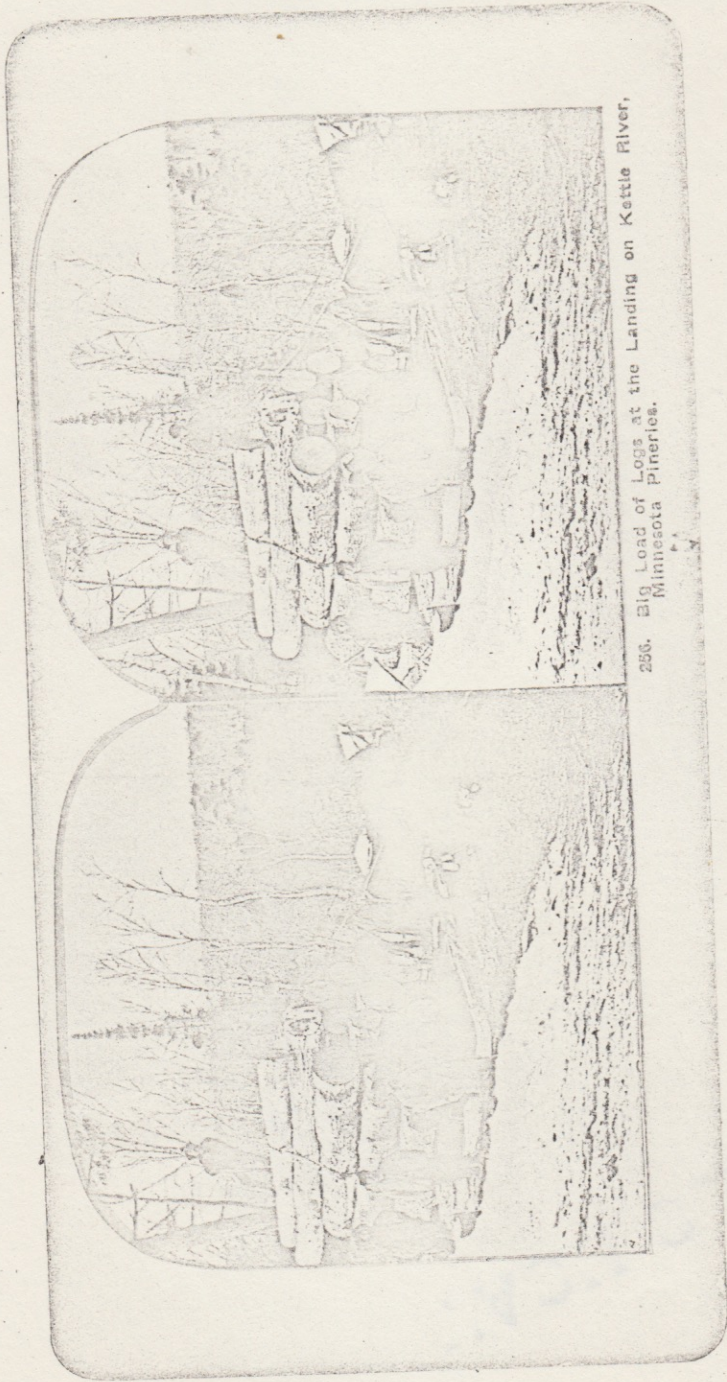
No. 256. BIG LOAD OF LOGS AT THE LANDING ON KETTLE RIVER, MINNESOTA PINERIES.

In the early history of the country white pine was mostly used for structural purposes, because of its abundance and availability in the New England states and westward to the Mississippi, while pitch pine was used in the Carolinas and Georgia. When Boston, New York and other cities of the east began to expand, and when at the same time the demand for ship building grew, it was Maine, principally, that supplied the needed lumber. Maine became known as the Pine Tree State, and it was there that the evolution of the sawmill began.

When this supply showed signs of exhaustion, attention was directed toward Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, where a diverse purpose seems to have planted the immense pine forests contiguous to the great lakes, which provided transportation, and to the prairie, which furnished an ever growing market for lumber and timber. The total output of the three states named was 8,597,623,000 feet in 1901, which figure had never been reached before and cannot be reached again.

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