

Wood as fuel

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Hill to J. A. Armstrong

"We are sending William Bowlin up in place of Ryan. Bowlin has worked for us steady for seven years and we know him and can depend on him at all times. Give him charge of the boat and the men who are unloading and he will run it all right. He has steamboated on the River now for 7 or 8 years. We are sending with him to work at Wayzata unloading barges, Wise, Toole & Halloran all good steady men and with Ole we think they can unload as fast as we can get it down to the lake. Wise is a rough carpenter and will be very handy in fixing up the black and the brown house in fact he can fix up all the houses in good

shape and will only cost laborers wages. These are all good clean and steady men and we should not have any trouble whatever in having our wood put onto the cars just as we want it." Put a windlass costing \$20 on the boat on a small block; can be used then on barge when needed & returned to boat.

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